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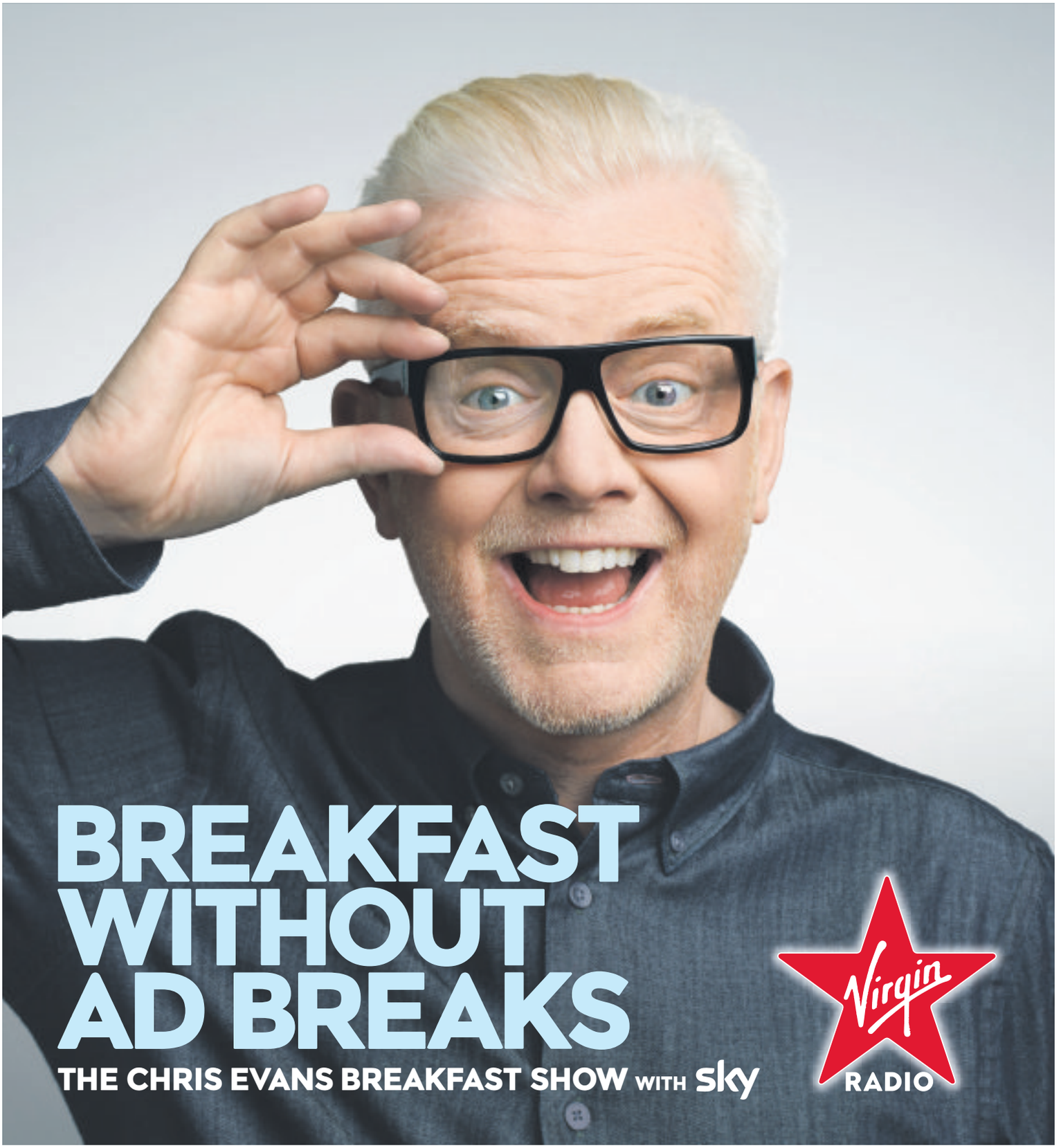

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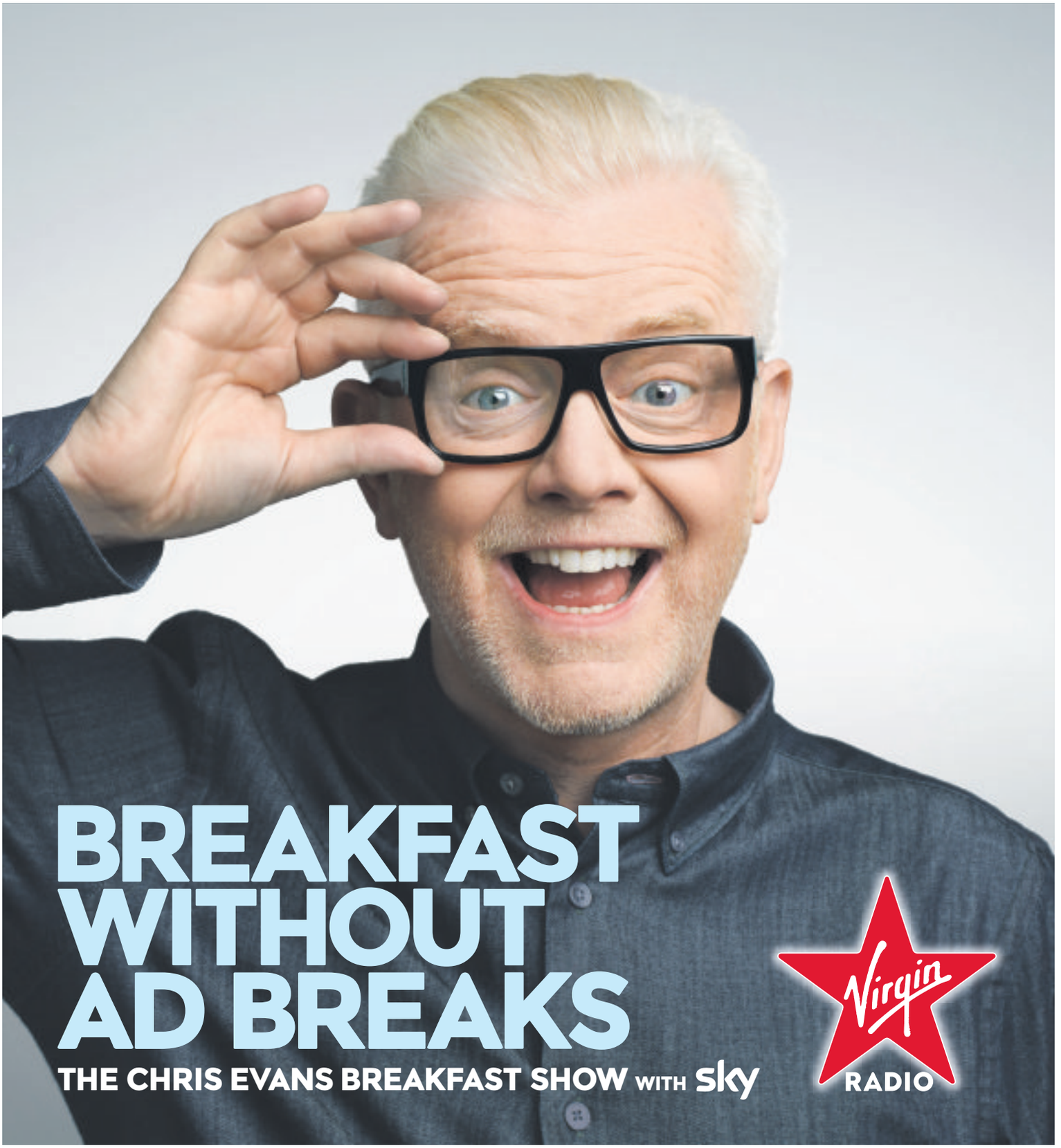

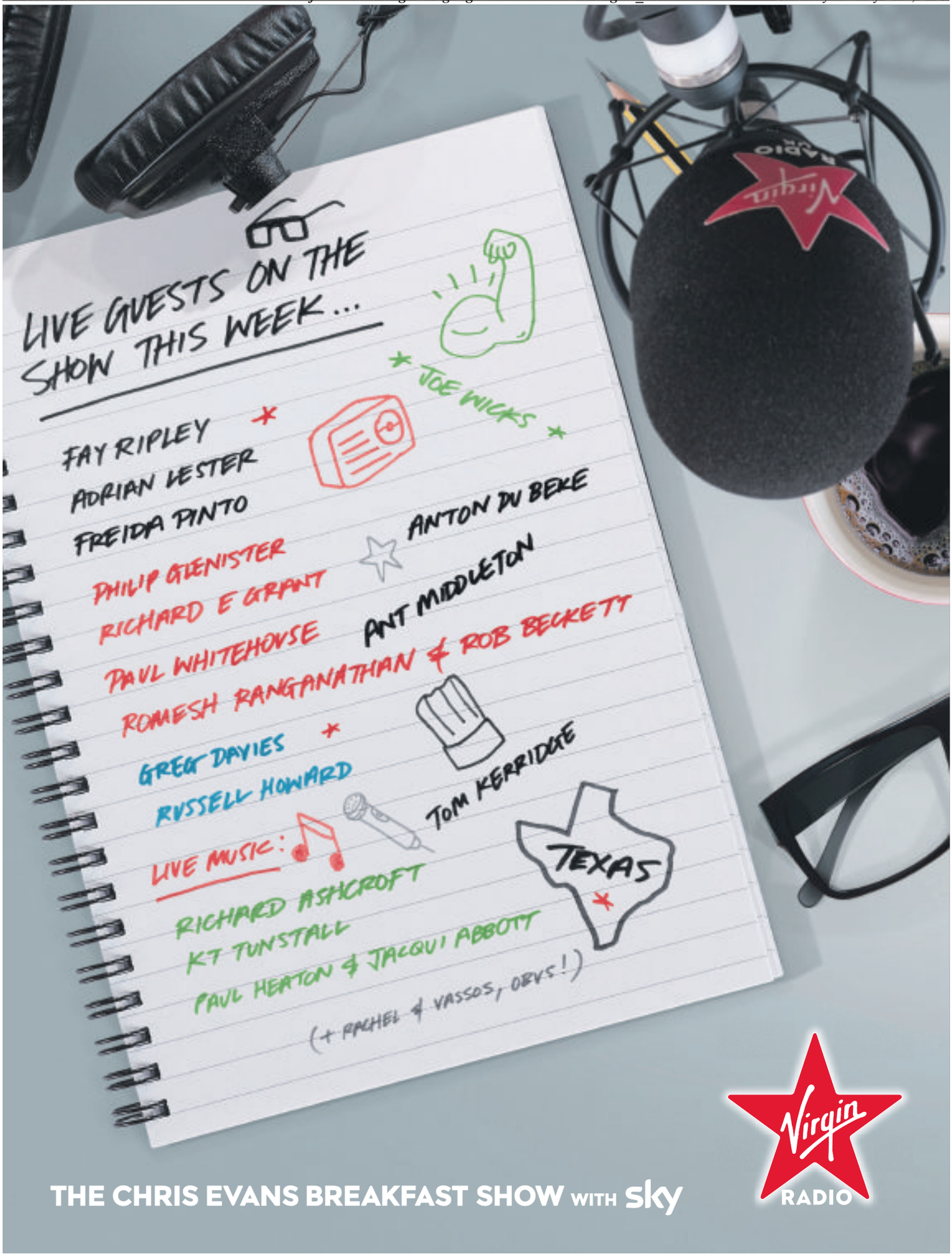
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After an 18 month wait, the people of Cowbridge will have a Post Office

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The new Cowbridge branch will open on Monday, February 25 and will offer Post Office products and services throughout shop opening hours, seven days a week, from 8.30am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday, and from 10am to 4pm on Sunday.

Local politicians Andrew RT Davies Am and Vale MP Alun Cairns both welcomed the announcement.

Mr Davies said: "The Post Office is a vital service in any local community and residents have rightfully been very vocal in their demands to see it return to Cowbridge.

"A town of the size of Cowbridge has struggled without a dedicated post office service and while this has not been an easy or straightforward process, all parties involved have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure this important service was restored.

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A spokesperson for the Post Office said: "We welcome feedback on any issues customers would like considered on this proposal. Customers can share their views at postofficeviews.co.uk with the branch code 518611 until February 19."

Secretaries of State visit The GEM offices to outline future plans for MoD St Athan

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Mae'r Gorchmynion Rheoleiddio Traffig canlynol i gael eu diwygio fel a ganlyn:

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Dyddiedig 24 Ionawr 2019.
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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 7) ORDER 2018

1. On the 23rd January 2019 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Traffic Management Act 2004 and all other enabling powers made an Order to install the parking restrictions specified in the schedule below.
2. The Order will come into operation on 28th January 2019 or on the dates that the signs and road markings are installed and removed whichever is the later and be known as the "Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) (Amendment) (No 7) Order 2018"
3. A copy of the Order and plans showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.
4. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 28th January 2019 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The following Traffic Regulation Orders are to be amended as follows:

Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE

Proposed Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time.
Westgate Cowbridge – Map AA27

On the north-eastern side, from the north-eastern boundary of property no. 5 in north-westerly direction for a distance of 10 metres contiguous with existing parking restrictions.

On the north-eastern side, from a point 28 metres south-west of the junction of Eagle Lane in a north-westerly direction for a distance of 1.80 metres contiguous with existing parking restrictions.

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Propose Revocation of Prohibition of Waiting Mon – Sat, 8am to 6.30pm. Westgate Cowbridge – Map AA27

On the north-eastern side, from a point 21.5 metres south-west of the north-western boundary of property no.11 in a south-easterly direction for a distance of 10 metres.

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A belated present for Llangan Primary School!

PUPILS at Llangan returned to school on January 7 to find a belated present waiting for them in the shape of a new play area.

The new play area boasts a jungle adventure den, traversing forest and mini play hut with slide. This is all on a safe rubber-mulch surface. The project was the brainchild of Dave Hughes, who was instrumental in getting the ball rolling. The Friends of Llangan have helped the project come to fruition, raising, over the last few years, some £17,000.

Gareth Esplin, chairperson for the Friends of Llangan thanked local businesses in and around Cowbridge for their support with donations for raffles and sponsorship and the friends and families of Llangan.

Rosemary's illustrated talk enthrals the local U3A group

ROSEMARY Scadden recently visited Cowbridge U3A History group for the third time in five years to give another of her illustrated presentations.

The talk, entitled 'History on the Edge', was based on a 50 mile journey along the River Severn from Minsterworth, one of the best places to see the Severn Bore as it rushes upriver, then down to Chepstow, with two nearby massive river bridges carrying 80,000 vehicles daily, on to Newport (transporter bridge and medieval ship), followed by Cardiff and then along the Welsh coast to the lighthouse (the last manned one in Wales) at Nash Point, via numerous places of interest.

The majority of the photographs were Rosemary's own and depicted many of the locations encountered on the journey, some familiar and others completely unknown to U3A members.

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Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain o derfyn gogledd-ddwyreiniol eiddo rhif 5 i gyfeiriad y gogledd-orllewin am bellter o 10 metr, yn agos at y cyfyngiadau parcio cyfredol.

Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain, o bwynt 28 metr i'r de-orllewin o gyffordd Eagle Lane i gyfeiriad y gogledd-orllewin am bellter o 1.80 metr, yn agos at y cyfyngiadau parcio presennol.

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Cynnig Diddymu Gwahardd Aros Dydd Llun i Ddydd Sadwrn 8am tan 6.30pm. Westgate, Y Bont-faen – Map AA27

Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain, o bwynt 21.5 metr i'r de-orllewin o ffin gogledd-orllewinol eiddo rhif 11 i gyfeiriad y de-ddwyrain am bellter o 10 metr.

Dyddiedig 24 Ionawr 2019.
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Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
The Alps, Gwenfô CF5 6AA

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 7) ORDER 2018

1. On the 23rd January 2019 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Traffic Management Act 2004 and all other enabling powers made an Order to install the parking restrictions specified in the schedule below.
2. The Order will come into operation on 28th January 2019 or on the dates that the signs and road markings are installed and removed whichever is the later and be known as the "Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) (Amendment) (No 7) Order 2018"
3. A copy of the Order and plans showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.
4. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 28th January 2019 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The following Traffic Regulation Orders are to be amended as follows:

Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE

Proposed Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time.
Westgate Cowbridge – Map AA27

On the north-eastern side, from the north-eastern boundary of property no. 5 in north-westerly direction for a distance of 10 metres contiguous with existing parking restrictions.

On the north-eastern side, from a point 28 metres south-west of the junction of Eagle Lane in a north-westerly direction for a distance of 1.80 metres contiguous with existing parking restrictions.

On the south-western side, from a point 12.3 metres north-west of the junction of The Butts in a north-westerly direction for a distance 12.3 metres contiguous with existing parking restrictions.

Propose Revocation of Prohibition of Waiting Mon – Sat, 8am to 6.30pm. Westgate Cowbridge – Map AA27

On the north-eastern side, from a point 21.5 metres south-west of the north-western boundary of property no.11 in a south-easterly direction for a distance of 10 metres.

Dated this 24th day of January 2019.
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,
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‘We’re still open for business’ assures pub despite road closure

THE Three Horseshoes in Moulton has given customers assurance that they remain open for business, despite the partial closure of the Five Mile Lane.

The owner of the pub, Richard Peter, met Vale MP Alun Cairns recently (pictured) to discuss and publicise the alternative routes available to customers.

On January 7 the Five Mile Lane (Weycock Road) closed to all northbound traffic from Weycock roundabout to the Welsh Hawking Centre, which has led to concerns on how the closure will negatively impact on their business. The road closure is due to be in place for 12 weeks as work is undertaken to upgrade and widen Weycock Road, leading many to speculate that the road will be closed entirely.

Much to Mr Peter’s concern, inaccurate comments have been circulating that the pub would be closed for the period of the closure and that there would be no road access to Moulton.

While customers travelling from the A48 will not be affected, customers travelling from Barry will be unable to use the Five Mile Lane as usual.

The pub has, therefore, released a map showing the best alternative route to the pub from Barry, which will take only around five minutes longer than using the Five Mile Lane, according to Mr Peters.

Mr Peter said: “We want to set the record straight and let our customers know that the Three Horseshoes remains open despite the road closure and the team and I look forward to greeting customers with our usual warm welcome.

“We’re really pleased to hear that the alternative route has not caused as many problems as people first thought and we hope that many more continue to join us while the closure is in place.”

Vale MP Alun Cairns has been working to support Mr Peters and urges customers to continue to support the independent pub. Following a visit to the Three Horseshoes, Mr Cairns said: “It’s really important that people have the right information about the partial road closure. When I travelled there it was much easier than I’d anticipated.”

He added: “I’m delighted to support the Three Horseshoes and make sure they are not forgotten during the road closure. Richard has done a fantastic job to ensure that his pub plays a vital part in the local community. When he’s invested in the pub, he’s been sure to use local suppliers, local contractors and has tried to keep money in the local economy. In terms of the day to day, he sources his food from local farms and this shows the pub’s commitment to our community.”

Richard Peters added that the pub was currently undergoing a complete refurbishment, but remained fully open.

Cowbridge Art Society meeting

ON Thursday, January 24 the society will hold an assisted workshop run by art lecturer and demonstrator Claire Hiett on gouache resist techniques.

On Thursday, January 31 there will be a pen and wash demonstration by Bristol artist Paul Weaver.

CAS welcomes artists of any level, and non-artists to see demonstrations of art techniques or attend illustrated lectures.

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge from 7pm to 9pm and occasional visitors and new members are most welcome. See www.facebook.com/cowbridgeart.cas or Instagram#cowbridgeartsociety for further information.

Get your rugby predictions in for Rotary!

FOR the fifth year, Cowbridge Rotary Club is running its popular competition based on your skill at predicting the results of the 2019 Nat West Six Nations rugby matches in February and March.

The Rotary Club is very grateful to The GEM for supporting this charity project by publicising the competition, printing the entry form and providing a collection point for entries. The entry form is also a handy list of dates and times for all the matches.

Entry is only £1 with a £100 prize for the best overall prediction of the results of all 15 matches (home win, away win or draw). The surplus will be allocated to the Charity Account of Cowbridge Rotary Club.

Anyone can enter wherever they live and as many times as they wish. Additional forms can be obtained by: collection from GEM Office, Eastgate, Cowbridge or Reception at The Bear Hotel. Visit www.cowbridgerotary.club to download or email a request to cowbridge.rotary@yahoo.co.uk.

Entry forms together with £1 entry fee should be delivered either to The Bear Hotel reception or Cowbridge GEM office, Eastgate and must arrive by kick-off on February 1 (KO 8pm).

Jamaican jambalaya jerks judges into joy!

THIS year, eight budding chefs from Year 10 at Cowbridge Comprehensive School took part in the recent local heat of the Rotary Young Chef Competition.

The task was to prepare, cook and present a three course meal for two people with ingredients costing no more than £20.

The judges, Natalie Isaac and Ricky Jones from Bar 44 in Cowbridge, were looking for tasty, well presented food but they were also awarding marks for planning, presenting on time and maintaining a clean and tidy workspace.

Cai Hopkins was declared the runner-up and Lily Marshall the overall winner. Lily prepared smoked mackerel pâté followed by a chicken and chorizo Jamaican jambalaya with sour cream and avocado salad. Her pudding was mango and passionfruit fool. Peter Davies of the local Rotary club, presented the prizes and thanked Bar 44 Restaurant for sponsoring the cost of ingredients in the competition and Arthur John and Co. for providing prizes.

Store wars in Barry...

THE food retailer Waitrose remains ‘tight-lipped’ over speculation that it might close its store in Barry.

There have been reports that Waitrose might be set to leave its Palmerston Road location with Iceland ready to step in, although Iceland has not confirmed this.

A Waitrose spokesperson told The GEM: “We never comment on speculation.

“Any news that we have regarding our shops would always be communicated to our partners before we give details in the media.”

Another company interested in acquiring a site in Barry is Aldi. The company was refused an application for a store on Cardiff Road in 2017 and may be tempted to renew its interest if a suitable location becomes available.

Meanwhile, another food retailer B&M Express is making preparations to move into the former New Look store on Holton Road.

A spokeswoman said: “We are due to open our B&M Express store on Holton Road, Barry on March 11.”

Glamorgan Iron Horse Vintage Society raises money for Wales Air Ambulance

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EARLY on the morning of January 20, vintage tractors were making their way to Cwm Risca Farm.

The club's catering department was in full swing providing bacon/sausage rolls, tea and cakes for all and the raffle tickets were flying out of the book. Before the run commenced time was taken to remember the recent passing of John Watts who had been an active member of our club for over 30 years. RIP, John.

A total of 48 tractors departed Cwm Risca Farm at 10.30am on a mystery trip raising money for Wales Air Ambulance. Organiser Richard Rees commented: "I have been praying hard after last year's run which was severely hampered by heavy rain," (prayers answered, Richard).

The route, known to a few, left Cwm Risca and proceeded cross country to Llangynwyd, through Maesteg town, over the top to Bryn and then on to Port Talbot to take in the 'Banksy' experience at Taibach.

The final hop was to Newlands Farm, Water Street for lunch provided by Claire and Tabitha, Claire's Country Kitchen mobile catering unit; lovely it was, too.

The annual run is a firm fixture in the Vintage calendar locally and is supported by the farming fraternity and tractor enthusiasts alike. The Anthony family at Cwm Risca – and this year the Williams family at Newlands Farm – opened their gates in support. Cliff Bull, Glamorgan Iron Horse chairman said: "As a group of vintage enthusiasts we are very grateful for the support we get from land owners. We try when organising runs to keep off the main roads when we can and we do appreciate that slow moving vehicles do cause some road users to become frustrated; I am sure you agree it is for a worthwhile cause."

Over the years the Cwm Risca Run has raised in excess of £10,000 for Wales Air Ambulance and we thank all road users for their patience. This year's run is expected to raise £800, a good effort from all who were involved.

Dave King

Secretary for Defence visits charity

MILITARY veterans, volunteers and staff turned out to meet MP Gavin Williamson, Secretary of State for Defence and MP Alun Cairns, Secretary of State for Wales, to discuss the work and support Woody's Lodge provides to military veterans, emergency service leavers and their families.

Woody's Lodge is a charity providing safe spaces for armed service veterans, recent leavers, reservists and those who served in the emergency services to socialise and access a wide range of health and social services, with the support of the older people's charity Age Cymru.

A key element of the Woody's Lodge approach is to offer veterans the opportunity to be themselves and interact with people who have had similar experiences.

Woody's Lodge has two bases in Wales, one at Amelia Trust Farm in Barry and one at Erias Park, Colwyn Bay. They have recently opened satellite offices in Rhyl and Wrexham.

Woody's Lodge are well placed with safe access to seafront and beaches, as well as providing a broad range of sports activities, gardens, and nature areas that will enable the project to support the wider needs of veterans' families.

Woody's Lodge CEO Dr David Trotman said: "We were surprised and delighted at welcoming Gavin Williamson and Alun Cairns to Woody's Lodge. We were pleased to hear that both Ministers were supportive of our work at Woody's and understood the issues being faced by Armed Forces veterans, their families and those who have served and are serving with the emergency services."

Woody's Lodge is also a partner in Project 360° with Age Cymru and Age Alliance Wales to improve support services for older veterans across Wales.

Government ministers lay out St Athan plan

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Mr Williamson said: "As Secretary of State for Wales, Alun has been arguing the case for St Athan to be the centre for the British Army in Wales, and the proposal would give East Camp the resources and facilities for a major flagship barracks in the UK, something that our military personnel deserve."

He pointed out that civilian jobs in training and all the support functions would be created as a result.

Mr Cairns said that talks with the Welsh Government were struggling because only a "sliver" of land was being made available, "sandwiched between the Special Forces base and an aircraft dismantling plant".

He said: "Both the Secretary of State for Defence and I want a positive discussion, but the land being offered is too small, and it is next door to a scrapyard.

"It is not only unsuitable, but it makes it impossible for the barracks to expand in the future."

The GEM asked Mr Cairns why he thought the Welsh Government was taking this stance.

He replied: "I think they are determined to pursue the Aerospace Business Park model, but they have been trying to attract companies for some time now, with only limited success."

Readers will decent memories will recall the Defence Technical College project - a £12 billion plan that was eventually dropped in 2010 (by that time, the cost had risen to £14 billion). Mr Cairns supported it, but other military areas in the UK that stood to lose out waged a fierce campaign against.

The GEM asked Mr Cairns about that scheme and he said: "The situation is different now. In this case, both Secretaries of States have total enthusiasm for the project. We are in harmony. This project would give a real boost to the local economy."

As spokesperson for the Welsh Government, responding to a request from The GEM, said: "Our interests in St Athan result from the Defence Training Academy, a legacy defence project which was costly for Wales and which the MoD subsequently cancelled before completion.

"We have promoted the area as a business park, the result of which brought Aston Martin to Wales on the understanding we would maintain our commitment to developing it.

"We welcome the UK Government's investment into the military in Wales. We have hundreds of acres available to the MoD, including around 50 acres within and adjacent to West Camp, which would accommodate the new influx of personnel while not compromising the business park.

"We look forward to working closely with the UK Government and the MoD to find a mutually beneficial solution."

Mr Cairns replied to this, saying: "As the Secretary of State for Defence has stated, I would encourage the Welsh Government to work with UK Government on the potential development of St Athan for military expansion in Wales. This presents a fantastic opportunity to invest more in our military and boost the Vale economy. I have been working closely with Aston Martin and the MoD for several years in coming to a suitable arrangement with Aston Martin to develop the Superhangar site."

The Defence Technical College (DTC) was an ambitious plan to bring Armed Forces training together in one place. It was said that 2,000 jobs would be created. The centrepiece would have been the 'Superhangar' built by the Welsh Government and left idle after the RAF transferred work on Tornado maintenance elsewhere. The Superhangar is now the base for Aston Martin's new car factory.

Detailed plans for the DTC were put in place, and it has been reported that the Welsh Government ran up a bill of £5 million in expenditure and officer time. How much the MoD spent before shelving the plan is not known.

Critics of Mr Cairns will be quick to shout: "This is electioneering". In fact, that charge has already been made on social media.

Prime Minister Theresa May won the no confidence vote, tabled by Labour Leader Jeremy Corbyn, last week in the House of Commons, so it would seem that that particular route to a General Election is closed for a period of time.

GEM readers, we think, will make their own mind up on this one.

Vale Council's £4m plans for St David's School

THE Vale Council is providing a £4m package for St David's Church in Wales School at Colwinston which includes a brand-new building that will be able to accommodate more pupils.

St David's Church in Wales School is to get a new building.

The Vale's Cabinet gave the project the green light on Monday this week. In the future the school will cater for 210 pupils rather than the current 140. The council points out that this will help to meet the demand for primary school places created by a number of planned housing developments.

The project is part of the '21st Century Schools Programme', a unique collaboration between Welsh Government and the local authority that has already seen £31 million committed to six projects under the first phase of the project, known as 'Band A'.

A hefty £144 million will be spent during 'Band B' as the commitment to transforming nursery, primary, secondary, faith and special education across the county continues.

Cllr Bob Penrose, Vale Council Cabinet member for learning and culture, said: "We are committed to ensuring children throughout the Vale are given the best chance to succeed. That is the ambition behind our 21st Century Schools Programme which represents a major commitment to improve educational facilities.

"St David's Church in Wales School is the latest in a long list in line for upgrading work. It will gain a quality modern building that can support the delivery of a broad and balanced curriculum and also cater for an anticipated increase in pupil numbers."

The news about St David's comes hot on the heels of the announcement that Pencoedtre High School and St Nicholas Church in Wales School are to undergo total rebuilds instead of redevelopment.

That is because an increase in the contribution from Welsh Government means the council is now paying a lower percentage towards 21st Century Schools Programme projects and the money saved can be spent on expanding the scope of certain schemes.

It was decided refurbishing St David's School's current teaching areas would not bring them up to 21st century standards so a new building was essential. In total £4.185 million will be spent on building work with an opening date of September 2021.

The plans come as planning permission has been granted for 475 new homes on land north west of Darren Close, Cowbridge – which is expected to bring 48 nursery, 132 primary and 118 secondary school pupils to the area.

Local business comes through to help village

THERE is a cheerful postscript to the story run in The GEM before Christmas which reported how villagers in Llysworney were disappointed by the theft of two urns.

Residents had placed the original urns of flowers next to the local resting bench, with the idea was that it would be a welcoming sight for people passing through the village.

Resident Peter Emery said: "As a result of the story in The GEM regarding the theft of Llysworney's flower urns, we were contacted by Mr Denis Theodore of Theodore Reclamation at Bridgend Industrial Estate.

"He offered us replacement urns completely free charge. What a kindness in the wake of the unpleasantness of the theft."

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Chay Theodore of Theodore Reclamation (left) handing the urns over to Peter Emery from Llysworney.

Local youngster is set to star on Channel 4 show

A FIVE-year-old boy from Barry is one of 15 children chosen from thousands of youngsters who applied to take part in a Channel 4 programme, writes TIM CHAPMAN.

Maxwell features in 'The Secret Life of 5 Year Olds' which is being shown today, Thursday, January 24, and next Thursday, January 31 at 8pm. He appears in the second episode.

His mother Nicola said: "Maxwell was one of 6,000 children who applied to take part. He had to submit a video answering various questions.

"He was invited to audition and later chosen as one of the 15 children to be filmed."

The programme makers liked his confident, expressive personality.

Nicola said: "He's cheeky and funny and makes everyone laugh because of the comments he makes and his facial expressions.

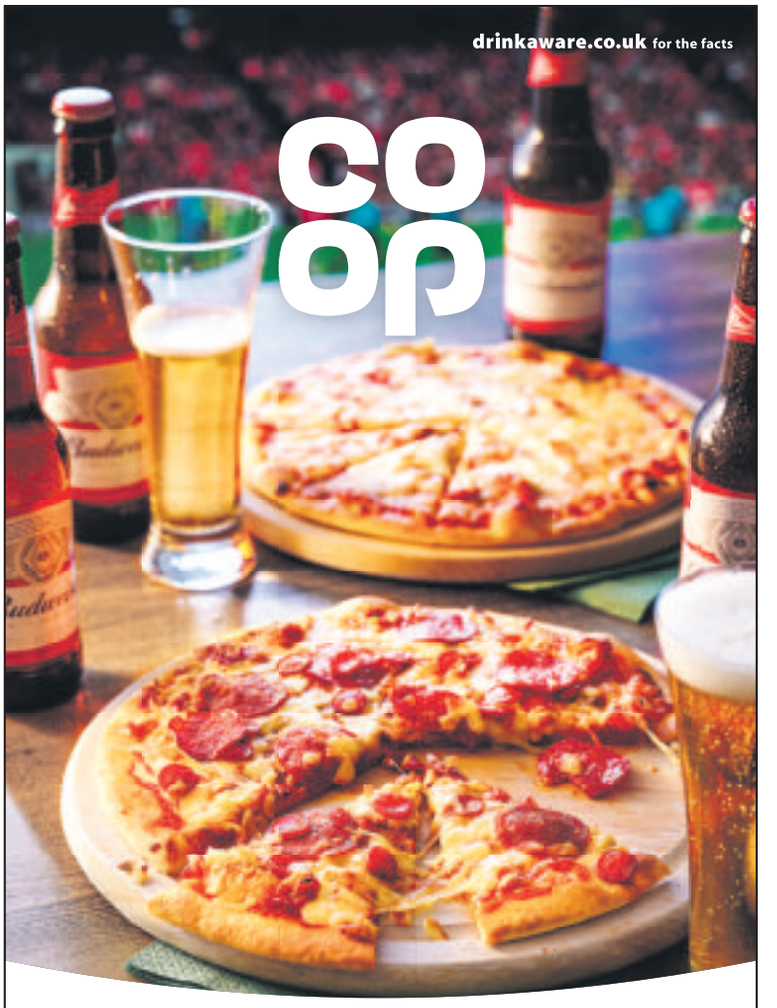
"On the other hand, he's loving and really cares about others. He's very independent and strong willed; he knows his own mind and won't back down.

"In his audition he made up funny stories, made his own rules for games to ensure he would win but also helped a child who was struggling in a game."

The programmes are fly-on-the-wall style with children taking part in activities that can be observed and analysed. Filming took place in east London last August.

Nicola explained: "The programme captures what five-year-olds get up to in school – they play and are set tasks and challenges, and a psychologist analyses their behaviour.

"At the end Maxwell didn't want to leave because he was having so much fun."



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Drug dealer used Bitcoin to hide proceeds from crime

A drug dealing family linked to a criminal operation in Bridgend have been ordered to pay back more than £70,000 from their crimes.

Three members of the Morris family from Redditch, Worcestershire, appeared at a Proceeds of Crime Act hearing held in Cardiff Crown Court on January 16.

Elliot Morris (29), who headed up the drugs operation was jailed for eight and a half years in March 2018 for conspiracy to supply cannabis, possession of MDMA with intent to supply and possession of cocaine.

The court heard he had a 'benefit figure' [GEM note: this is the amount the Crown alleges the defendant has obtained as a result of or in connection with their criminal conduct] of £46,043.54, but the available amount he could pay back was £16,090.54. An order was made for him to pay back £16,090.54 within two months or face a further 12 months imprisonment.

His parents were both sentenced in March 2018 for conspiracy to supply cannabis. His father, Darren Morris (52), was sentenced to 27 months and his mother, Dominique Morris (45), was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment.

The court heard Darren Morris had a benefit figure of £27,500 and an order was made for that amount to be confiscated.

Dominique Morris had a benefit figure of £29,993 and was ordered to pay this back in full.

The court previously heard that Elliot Morris was caught red-handed after a pioneering technique was used to identify his fingerprints in a photograph he sent on WhatsApp showing off his supply.

The image of a hand and tablets that incriminated Elliott Morris, and some of the drugs recovered.

During an investigation, which began locally but quickly spiralled, officers from Bridgend's Priority Policing Team sought the assistance of the Joint Scientific Support Unit (JSIU) at South Wales Police to forensically link Elliot Morris back to a gang who were supplying large amounts of cannabis in Bridgend.

The 29-year-old was among nine people who were sentenced in March 2018 for more than 20 years at Cardiff Crown Court for their involvement in a conspiracy to supply cannabis.

Officers uncovered drugs at two addresses in Bridgend which were in bags marked 'GG'. This later transpired to stand for Gorilla Glue, a particular strain of cannabis which the local dealers were buying regularly in large quantities from Redditch.

A cannabis factory was found in the Redditch home of Darren and Dominique Morris. The couple's son was traced to a rural log cabin hide-out where another cannabis factory had been set up.

On top of Elliott Morris' links to the cannabis conspiracy, officers were able to prove he was also responsible for supplying huge amounts of ecstasy, a Class A drug, thanks to the innovative work of the JSIU.

Staff from the unit's specialist imaging team were able to enhance a picture of a hand holding a number of tablets, which was taken from a mobile phone, before fingerprint experts were able to positively identify that the hand was that of Elliott Morris.

In another first for South Wales Police, they were also able to prove that he had almost £20,000 hidden in bitcoin accounts, the majority of which, Elliott Morris admitted, was gained from his illegal drug sales.

In total, cannabis, cocaine and ecstasy worth around £36,000 and around £21,000 in cash was recovered during the investigation.

Detective Inspector Dean Taylor, said: "This was a complex investigation which successfully drew on the skills of colleagues from multiple departments to ensure these drug dealers were brought to justice.

"This case again reiterates the importance of communities reporting their suspicions to us. The investigation began as the result of local information and what initially presented as a small-scale local drug-dealing operation soon unravelled in a much larger, sophisticated set-up.

"I would like to thank the community for the information provided and would urge anyone with any information about drug dealing in our communities to have the confidence to report it to us. Call 101, or report it to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."

South Wales Police

Pay rise for Vale Council workers

VALE school support staff, refuse workers, cleaners, caterers and others are in line for a pay rise after the council worked in partnership with the trade unions to deliver a minimum rate of £9.18 per hour, effective from 1 April 2019.

Hourly wages will increase by £1.28 from the current £7.90. The new level is £1.35 higher than the national minimum rate and also exceeds the independently-set Foundation Living Wage. The trade unions say it will ensure no-one at the council suffers in-work poverty.

The Vale is one of the first authorities in Wales to sign-off the local details of the two-year national agreement for local government across the UK.

Glenn Pappas, UNISON branch secretary and convenor for the trade unions at the council, said:

"This is a great advert for trade unions in helping to lift workers and their families out of poverty and the new rates will give people more control over their lives. Most of the authority's staff live locally, so this deal means more money will be spent on Vale high streets. Credit to the council for listening to the unions."

Rob Thomas, managing director at the Vale Council, said: "It's important for the authority to set an example as a good employer to other businesses in our community. We recognise the significant commitment all our staff make in the delivery of vital public services and want to ensure decent minimum rates of pay."

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL 11x4
Penarth - Cardiff Barrage Sustainable Transport Corridor Study

Drop in Session at Paget Rooms
Victoria Road, Penarth CF64 3EG
Thursday 24th January 2019
Drop in at any time between 1pm and 7pm

The Council has commissioned consultant's Capita to undertake a study to develop and appraise potential options for improving sustainable transport in the Penarth and Cardiff barrage area. The Study is funded by Welsh Government.

This public drop in session is your opportunity to let us know your views on the sustainable transport issues, opportunities, problems and constraints that you consider are important to this area.

As well as listening to your views Council staff will be available to provide you with additional information on the study.

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Phil Evans of Cardiff Bay Yacht Club fishing section presented a cheque for £465 to Laurie Pavelin of RNLI Penarth.

RNLI Penarth receive cheque from fishermen friends

THE 365 entrants to the annual cod fishing competition organised by Cardiff Bay Yacht Club in December each donated a pound of their entry fee to RNLI Penarth.

The fishermen also made further donations which resulted in a cheque for £465 being presented by the chairman of CBYC fishing section, Phil Evans, to Laurie Pavelin, the chairman of RNLI Penarth.

Penarth Lifeboat was launched a number of times last year to go to the assistance of fishing boats. In June, one fishing boat that called for help, sank but its two crew members were rescued.

Vocal group looks back on a busy year

AFTER a busy year, the Vale-based singing groups With Music In Mind, celebrated Christmas in their final sessions of the year.

Earlier in the year With Music In Mind was awarded funding from The Big Lottery Fund Wales as part of a three-year project to expand and keep groups running in the Vale. As a result of this funding two new groups opened in October: in Llantwit Major and St Athan.

With Music In Mind also welcomed two new members of staff; Lindsey Newman and Matthew Nash, while sadly saying goodbye to Meryn Williams who moved on to other musical directing work.

Managing director, Dr Sarah Miles said: 'We have had a very busy and exciting year and we would like to thank everyone who has supported us throughout the year and, most importantly, all our group members, without whom With Music In Mind would not exist'.

As well as singing in groups, staff and group members have also enjoyed taking part in 'extra-curricular activities'. These included performing at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, Duffryn House and the Cowbridge Fringe Festival with special guest Elin Manahan-Thomas.

Members also took part in a project recording songs at Rockfield Recording Studio. A fundraising dinner-dance and a glitzy tea dance hosted by winners of the National Lottery provided great opportunities to celebrate the success of With Music In Mind. All activities are entirely optional for group members, but it is a testament to their enthusiasm that there is such a high uptake. With Music In Mind groups are designed to be informal and fun and are open to anyone over the age of 50 – singing ability is not important! Groups consist of an hour of group singing led by the musical director, Matthew, followed by refreshments, which are provided, and a further hour of social activities. Your first session is free and following that sessions are £5 pay as you go. If you fancy trying something new this year, With Music In Mind singing groups may be just the right thing for you. New members are welcome at any time, details are below. However if you would like more information before you come along, then see the website www.withmusicinmind.co.uk or phone Sarah and Kate on 07500 776295.

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AM asks for information over Welsh Government's support of Ford plant

ON January 15, Suzy Davies, regional AM for South Wales West, raised specific issues with Welsh Government's Economy Minister, calling for more information about the support already given by Welsh Government, as well as possible assistance for the future.

She said: "Three years ago we were told that Welsh Government had supported investment in the plant in return for a minimum of five years of secure employment for a specific number of workers

"Ford has received over £42 million worth of support from Welsh Government over the last 15 years – on what conditions? How many jobs have actually been secured on the back of assistance which followed the threat to the plant in 2016? Despite asking for details since then, Welsh Government has fallen short of actually telling us the number of jobs their support has guaranteed.

Mrs Davies also pushed the Economy Minister over whether the production of the new Dragon engine, made for Jaguar Land Rover, was safe into the future following concerns that Jaguar Land Rover is set to cut production of cars in the UK.

"It is reassuring to hear that the Dragon engine can be modified for use in new hybrid vehicles," she said.

"However, only about 125,000 units are being manufactured, half the original expectation. It could increase to 250,000 units, but what use is 'could' when there is a real fear of job losses?

"The Minister confirmed my assertion that Welsh Government is backing a Bridgend bid to bring production of a new 4x4 vehicle to the town."

As reported before Mrs Davies asked her questions, industry analyst Hayley Pells speculated that Bridgend could be an ideal location to build 'Projekt Grenadier', an off-road vehicle developed by Ineos, and potential successor to the Land Rover Defender, production of which ceased in 2016.

According to Mrs Davies, the Economy Minister confirmed that the Welsh Government is in talks with Ineos.

The minister said: "If we bring production of that vehicle to Bridgend, it will provide work for hundreds upon hundreds of people and potentially thousands in the supply chain. A decision will be made next month."

"This could be great news," commented Mrs Davies. "But we still need to be able to tell our constituents what Welsh Government are planning to give to Ineos, what they expect to get for that money, and exactly what 'work for hundreds upon hundreds of people' will actually look like."

Local singer releases record on Gabrielle Aplin's record label

BRIDGEND-BASED singer Hannah Grace has released her new single 'With You' through Never Fade Records. The song gives her a chance to showcase her soulful vocals among a stirring jazz-influenced backing of horns, piano and beautiful harmonies.

Hannah said: "I am so excited to finally be sharing 'With You'. I wrote this song about wanting to reach out to someone who seemed a bit lost to let them know I was there for them.

"Recently I have been lucky enough to be reminded just how many people are there for me when I really need them. I have the best friends and this song will always remind me of that."

She has appeared on Dermot O'Leary's Radio 2 show, The Chris Evans Breakfast Show and Zoe Ball's ITV programme, in addition to a slot at the BBC Biggest Weekend for Radio 2 in Perth, Scotland.

Hannah closed 2018 with the release of the collaborative Christmas EP December alongside Gabrielle Aplin. Hannah first caught the attention of Never Fade label owner Gabrielle Aplin through her covers uploaded onto YouTube.

With You is out now and is taken from Hannah's debut album which will be out later this year. The song can be heard on soundcloud.com/shelton-music/sets/with-you/s-w06eB

Community groups' funding boost

COMMUNITY groups in the Vale are set to share a funding boost after the Co-op welcomed the latest beneficiaries to its Local Community Fund.

Nine causes are set to benefit, including Motion Control Dance of Barry, Rhondda (Cold Knap) Lifeguard Club and Cowbridge History Society, all standing to receive several thousand pounds at the end of the year. Last year, eight groups shared £32,000.

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Shyamalan's Glass proves to be a very frustrating viewing experience...

M Night Shyamalan had the world at his feet after his opening one-two punch of The Sixth Sense and Unbreakable. However, his ensuing work hasn't connected with cinemagoers in quite the same way since, seeing his reputation take something of a nose-dive.

2015's low-budget frightener The Visit was a critical and commercial success for Shyamalan, as was his next film, Split, a film that, by its conclusion, revealed it was connected to characters and events from his 2001 film Unbreakable.

The closing part of this trilogy is now released in Glass, which sees David Dunn (Bruce Willis) and Elijah Price (Samuel L Jackson) locked up along with Kevin Crumb (James McAvoy), the villain of Split with 24 different personalities.

Dr Ellie Staple (Sarah Paulson) sets about proving that these men's' beliefs that they are superheroes (or villains) is nothing more than a fanciful notion, but she reckons without a plan by Price (or Mr Glass) that will see Dunn and Crumb on a collision course...

Misunderstood on initial release, Unbreakable proved to be a forbearer for the domination of comic book films on the big screen. Its intelligent deconstruction of the staple elements of the genre made it a superb piece of work, and one that makes Glass a thoroughly enticing prospect.

Coupled with M Night Shyamalan enjoying a renaissance, there was hope that this would be a fitting conclusion to the story started 18 years ago - but instead it proves to be a frustrating viewing experience, a film that does plenty right, but also does plenty that annoys. In many ways, it's an encapsulation of Shyamalan's big-screen offerings to date.

Much like Unbreakable, this is a film that is a dissection of a genre that has become all-consuming since that film was released, the notions of heroism, fate and evolution.

It's a concoction that works in parts, though the first part of the film is set up to bring you up to speed with the characters, Crumb (having escaped at the end of Split) up to his old tricks and Dunn having become something of an avenging vigilante - the two, unsurprisingly,

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being set up to collide.

While this is all well-staged, the real meat comes when the pair, along with a sedated Elijah Price, comes together. This is where Shyamalan enjoys espousing his philosophies of destiny and superheroes in the real world, and the cogs start whirring and building towards... well, nothing much.

This is the main bugbear of the film; it feels like all build and no real pay-off. Certainly the film plays out in surprising and intriguing ways but it also frustrates, the talking heads likely to be anathema to those conditioned to superhero smackdowns, but it also feels like Shyamalan is too interested in his own voice to really explore anything else.

Given how seismic the impact comic books and superheroes have had on popular culture since Unbreakable, you think he would have a new angle on the material, yet this is ignored by Shyamalan, whose love of the genre is clear to see, yet his take on it is routed in the fundamentals of it without exploring how it has developed.

The performances prove to be relevant to the material given to the performers; James McAvoy is again tremendous as the multi-personality Crumb, his effortless flitting between personalities both sublime and scary, while Samuel L Jackson is Machiavellian and tragic as the quietly-maniacal Price and Sarah Paulson is brilliant as the doctor whose aims to disprove their beliefs in their abilities run into problems.

It's a shame that both Bruce Willis and Spencer Treat Clark (as David's son) are hard done by when it comes to the material. Their relationship was so well-written and portrayed in Unbreakable, yet here neither character has the chance to really resonate.

It has often been a criticism of some superhero films that the villains get better arcs than the hero and that applies here, a shame when Willis is more engaged here than he has been in a while.

While this brings the characters and stories of the previous films together, Glass feels like the lesser of the previous two films; it plays far more like Unbreakable than it does Split, but lacks the clarity and dramatic stakes to match that film's impact. When it's good it's good, but ultimately Glass just frustrates.

VERDICT: A microcosm of the career of M Night Shyamalan, Glass has elements that are superb and elements that are terrible. The film just about leans towards the former than the latter, however it's a frustrating watch and one that doesn't cap off Shyamalan's trilogy in quite the way you would hope. Enjoyable.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: Unbreakable (2001), Split (2016).

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Antiques In Wales host two exciting events!

ANTIQUES In Wales have two exciting events heading to the local area in February.

On Saturday, February 2, they will be holding an indoor flea market at Sully Sports and Social Club, and on Sunday, February 3, they will be holding an antiques fair at the Copthorne Hotel.

The Sully market takes place in a covered venue and is focused on green upcycling and recycling as all items are second hand on sale - so we look after the planet as well as your pocket!

There is reasonably-priced food and refreshments in the Sully club and there is a fully-licensed bar and meals available too!

The fair that will be held at the Copthorne Hotel, which was running for over 25 years, stopped when the last organisers retired.

However the new Copthorne Hotel Cardiff is working closely with the organisers to provide an event which will give you a fun day out, plus a Sunday lunch event for all visitors and stand-holders of a 20 per cent discount on the very popular Sunday lunch (to be prebooked).

There's a varied number of stand-holders at both event including mid-20th Century furniture and lighting, silver, oriental art and antiques, fine jewellery, vintage clothing, fashion jewellery, pottery, porcelain, glass, furniture, coins, vinyl records, art, kitchenalia, prints maps and postcards and much more!

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Farmers find out 'what hedgerows can do for you'

HEDGEROWS have been in the spotlight at events at Llysfasi, Glynllifon and Carmarthenshire, with a final event near Wenvoe on January 31.

Farmers from across Wales have been flocking to open farm events that aim to answer the question, "What can hedgerows do for you and your farm?"

It's all part of the Long Forest project which aims to deliver practical action to protect and improve our hedgerows. It's a partnership between Keep Wales Tidy and Coed Cadw (Woodland Trust), with support from the National Lottery players through the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and Esmée Fairbairn Foundation. The open farm events are being delivered by Farming Connect, an organisation that obviously has strong links with the farming community.

Open days have already taken place in Carmarthenshire and at Llysfasi near Ruthin and Glynllifon near Caernarfon. The final one takes place on Thursday, January 31 near Wenvoe in the Vale of Glamorgan, and farmers entitled to attend Farming Connect events can still register to attend, for free.

The Carmarthenshire event took place at Plas y Cerdin, a small livestock farm, which is a Farming Connect Focus Farm within the organisation's demonstration network. It has an organic Jersey milking herd, sheep and woodland which is managed to produce charcoal in a traditional way. Michael Houlden, who farms the land says: "Too often hedgerows are a wasted resource. We need to do more with them and use them better. They provide shelter for livestock, biosecure stock boundaries and conservation benefits in the form of habitats.

"We had 20 people at the open day, with lots of positive energy. We particularly looked at the benefits of hedgerows and hedge-laying techniques, coppicing and gapping up hedgerows, and also the NRW regulations on felling licences. Sharing ideas and stimulating conversation has to be a good thing."

In addition to hosting this open day Mr Houlden has been involved in a management exchange, going to Normandy to see how hedgerows are used there, producing wood chip for use in biomass heating in schools and at town halls. He has also made use of landowner shelterbelt packs, available at a subsidised price from the Woodland Trust through their online shop.

The open farm event on January 31 takes place at Goldsland Farm near Wenvoe in the Vale or Glamorgan. Lunch is provided but advance booking is essential, by emailing geraint.jones@menterabusnes.co.uk or phoning 07398 178698.

Local school makes plans for expansion

YSGOL Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg (YGBM) is at the finishing stages of planning an extension to the current school buildings.

The school will undergo a major building expansion this summer.

A spokesperson said: "Since the school opened in 2000, the demand for Welsh medium education in the Vale has continued to grow, and now the school needs more spaces to accommodate these needs."

The new project will permit the school to accommodate 1,400 pupils, and the building project will consist of a 3G sports pitch and with floodlights.

There will also be a new sports hall along with new IT suites. A new technology block will be added as well as – 19 years into it – 21st-century teaching rooms.

There will be a newly-fitted resources centre, and a café; the project is due to be completed by 2021. A new designated road for the school bus service will open which will transport pupils from all over the Vale to and from YGBM.

The project will also include a new sixth form block.

Pupils from Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg have been busy 'Technology Superheroes' over the past few weeks.

Twelve primary school children have been trained by 'Digital Communities Wales' to lead this project.

Six of the pupils visit Barry Hospital every Friday in order to coach, help and work the patients and during their sessions, the pupils lead lessons on how to use iPads. The patients have enjoyed learning how to use YouTube, playing bingo, taking pictures, reading, listening to carols and some of the benefits that technology has to offer them. **AS**

Can you help out Marie Curie?

THE Marie Curie Hospice, Cardiff and the Vale, based in Penarth, is appealing for volunteers to give two hours of their time to hand out the charity's daffodil pins in return for donations.

The charity is looking for people to help in Barry Asda on February 7-8 and across the Vale in town centres from February 22-28.

Those wishing to volunteer two hours of their time to the Great Daffodil Appeal or to find out more about the appeal, can visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil or call the Cardiff and Vale Fundraising office on 02920 426 068.

Age Connects hosts Six Nations fundraisers

AGE Connects Cardiff and the Vale is teaming up with The Sandringham Hotel in Cardiff city centre to host two fundraisers during the Six Nations Championship.

The Welsh matches against England and Ireland are likely to be sold out so an alternative on match day is proposed. Age Connects CEO Jeff Hawkins explained: "For just £30 we are offering fans the opportunity to come along to our exclusive function room at the Sandringham Hotel on these prime match days where they needn't queue for hours at the bar.

"Included in the price will be a hot meal before the match and cold buffet afterwards. We will be showing all matches played on both the days of the England and Ireland games on a big screen. It's a great deal.

"What's more, every guest will be giving something back to their local community as all profits go towards our local charity work helping older people in need."

The Wales v England game is on Saturday, February 23 and the Wales v Ireland match is on Saturday, March 16. If you would like to purchase a ticket to attend match days at The Sandringham Hotel in partnership with Age Connects, contact Karen on 02920 683604.

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Three men taken to hospital after serious assault

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Armed and divisional officers were called to the scene shortly after 12.20am.

Three men were taken to the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, for treatment.

Two local men, aged 26 and 18, along with a 17-year-old local boy, were arrested in connection with the incident and taken into custody. Enquiries are ongoing.

At this stage, officers are treating it as an isolated incident and aren't looking for anyone else in connection with it.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact South Wales Police on 101 quoting reference number 1900026978; or people can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 08X00 555 111.

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'Council might fund Dinas Powys transport study'

THE Vale Council might fund work to complete the 'Stage 2 Study' into the transport corridor in Dinas, a local campaigner has said.

It would be a vital step on the road to achieving a Dinas Powys bypass.

Just before Christmas the Welsh Assembly rejected funding for the study and said the Vale might qualify for the next financial round in 2019/20.

But Rod Harrod, the Chair of Dinas Powys Bypass Steering Group, said the Vale Council looks set to provide funding itself.

He said: "On Tuesday (last week) the Leader of the Vale Council, Cllr John Thomas told me that his Cabinet will receive a report next month outlining the extra work needed to be done before the Stage 2 Study can be progressed.

"I know some people have become agitated with the seeming delays but, after waiting 90 years, isn't it better to make sure everything is done correctly to achieve the best for the area?"

TC

Lift proposal for Cowbridge Town Hall

ON Tuesday, February 12 at 10.30am in the Lesser Hall (on the ground floor of Cowbridge Town Hall) there will be a presentation to explain the proposal to install a lift in Cowbridge Town Hall. All members of the public are invited.

The main hall on the first floor of Cowbridge Town Hall is probably the best venue in Cowbridge for large meetings, presentations and performances with a capacity of up to 200 people, stage, lighting, audio visual system etc. However, it suffers from the disadvantage of being upstairs with no lift, which makes it difficult or impossible for a significant number of the community to attend meetings or events.

At a community drop-in day organised by Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council in August last year this was raised as an issue by many of those attending.

Installing a lift is difficult, not least because the Town Hall is a grade 2* listed building. However, Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council now believe they have a viable scheme and have secured planning permission. The purpose of the presentation on February 12 is to explain the scheme, answer any questions and hopefully gain the support of the community to proceed with the project.

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council have included some money in their 2019/20 budget for the installation of a lift and intend to fund the balance by grants and public subscription. Community support is an important factor in successfully obtaining grants.

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council hope that as many people as possible will be able to attend the presentation on February 12 at 10.30am in the Lesser Hall.

ADVERTORIAL

Children's Puppet Club starting in Barry

NEW Life Church is starting a Puppet Club in February for children aged 8-11 years old.

This is a great opportunity for children to learn new skills, build confidence and develop team skills.

Parents can register their child by Monday, January 28 any time between 4pm-5.30pm at Barry Island Community Centre, CF62 5TR, or you can register on the night, starting Monday, February 4 at 4pm.

The cost is £1 per week (including drink and biscuits)

Parents who are interested can find out more at newlifechurchbarry.weebly.com, or you can find them on Facebook - search 'New Life Puppet Club'.

Oh dear, how sad, and yes, we *do* mind… Nantymoel's Windsor Davies dies

CANNING Town-born, but raised in Nantymoel, the actor Windsor Davies died last week aged 88.

Best known for his baritone voice and bluff, blustering, beet red-faced Battery Sergeant Major Tudor Bryn 'Shut Up' Williams in the hit BBC TV sitcom *It Ain't Half Hot Mum* (*IAHHM*) from 1974 to 1981,

Davies had a varied life and career that included not only acting for five decades, but also teaching, coal mining, and National Service from 1950 to 1952 in the East Surrey Regiment, which took him to Egypt and Libya. He also dueted on a song that topped the hit parade in 1975

IAHHM was based around the exploits of a Royal Artillery Concert Party, in India and Burma, after the surrender of Germany, but before Japan did likewise.

Whether he drew upon his experience in the British Army for his role as BSM Williams is possible, but the writing duo of Jimmy Perry and David Croft, certainly could as both writers had served in the Army in a concert party or as an entertainments officer.

BSM Williams had little time for most of the members of the troupe, especially La-De-Dah' Gunner Graham, and was known for bawling "SHUT UP!" when deemed necessary, and for his sarcastic remark "Oh dear, how sad, never mind."

This, showing Davies in character, has become a popular 'gif' used by people of social media to express similar sarcasm and lack of interest in another's – usually wildly-exaggerated misfortune.

IAHHM is not, however, repeated on British television, as some have expressed concern over the tone of language and phrases, which reflected life and attitudes in the 1940s more than in the 1970s, in the series.

Of particular concern to the PC lobby was the casting of Michael Bates as Rangi Ram. It has been alleged that Bates – an Anglo-Indian – had performed in blackface. Interviewed by the journalist Neil Clark for *The Daily Telegraph* in 2013, writer Jimmy Perry protested that: "All Michael Bates wore was a light tan. He wasn't blacked up! Michael spoke fluent Urdu, and was a captain in the Brigade of Gurkhas."

Although BSM Williams cemented Davies in the British imagination, indeed, far further afield too, and not just in Commonwealth countries (*IAHHM* was translated into 18 languages and oddly found favour in post-revolution Iran), he played many other characters on both the large and small screen.

In the cinema these included major roles in two *Carry On* films,

Lovely boy! Windsor Davies as Battery Sergeant Major Williams. Image courtesy of the BBC.

Behind (1975) and *England* (1976) – in the latter again as a sergeant major. He played Mog in the Welsh rugby film *Grand Slam* (1978). He played a sergeant in the Highland Regiment in *Adolf Hitler: My Part in His Downfall* (1973) with Jim Dale and Spike Milligan.

On television, he appeared in *Callan*, *The Onedin Line, Doctor Who*, and for 11 series as Oliver Smallbridge to Donald Sinden's Simon Peel in *Never The Twain*, about neighbouring – but rival – antique dealers.

In the guise of BSM Williams, alongside Don Estelle as Gunner "Lofty" Sugden, he had a number-one hit with a cover version of *Whispering Grass*.

Davies retired from acting in 2004 and moved to France with his wife, Eluned, whom he married in 1956.

She predeceased him in September 2018, and they are survived by their five children.

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Bro Radio reveals the finalists of its inaugural Community Awards

FINALISTS of Bro Radio's inaugural Community Awards sponsored by Wessex Garages Nissan have been announced.

The event was created to celebrate outstanding individuals, groups and organisations within the community the station serves, and will take place the day before Bro Radio celebrates 10 years on air in the Vale.

During the nomination process, the station received hundreds of nominations across ten categories, which were shortlisted before 30 judges made up of station volunteers, sponsors and community members whittled each down to just three finalists in each category.

The announcement of the finalists was made on the Bro Radio Facebook page on January 21 by Bro Radio Drivetime presenter, Patrick Downes.

As part of the announcement, the station revealed that it would also recognise Cath Watkins and her work running The Vale Homework Club.

During the nomination process, more than 30 nominations were received for Cath in multiple categories and after hearing that she had lost her battle with cancer before Christmas, the station decided that it needed to do something to recognise her work and dedication to the local community.

Cath's family will be presented with a Special Recognition Award at a black tie awards night on March 30.

The list of finalists are:

Young person of the Year, sponsored by Fun Harbour Barry Island:

• Daley Chapman, for his voluntary work at Barry Kicks with the Cardiff City Foundation.

• Harrison Baker, who regularly takes part in litter picking activities for Cadoxton Conservation Group, aged six.

• Lola Pike, for overcoming her medical and physical conditions to inspire others young people.

Volunteer of the Year, Sponsored by Glamorgan Voluntary Services:

• Janet Rees, for her work in setting up and running the Cwtch Cymru support group which supports people with depression and anxiety.

• Phil Sedgmond, for going above and beyond is his voluntary role as a karate teacher and sensei.

• Nerys Thomas, for her continued support of Marie Curie and her role as the treasurer of the Penarth fundraising group.

Teacher of the Year, sponsored by West Quay Estates and Lettings:

• Ian Piekielniak (Known as MR P) from Whitmore High School in Barry.

• Kirsty Berry from St Cyres School in Penarth.

• Sarah Morris from Gwenfo Primary School in Wenvoe.

The Charity Awards, sponsored by McDonalds, Barry:

• Vale Plus, for their work in Barry and Llantwit Major providing lifelong learning opportunities for those with learning disabilities.

• Mind in the Vale, for their work supporting those suffering with mental health problems in the Vale.

• Vale Homework Club, for their work supporting children with additional learning needs in the rural Vale.

• The home education club, for its work supporting families forced to home educate with regular clubs and activities.

Sports star of the year, sponsored by Cariad Café Bar:

• Morgan Thomas, for striving to reach his goals in athletics, despite suffering from a brain virus as a child, which continues to affect him to this day.

• Jeff Robinson, a former RAF veteran who won silver as part of the Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby Team at the 2018 Invictus Games.

• Josh Cook, for his role in the 2018 Commonwealth Games gymnastics squad and for being selected to join the British Top Squad.

Sporting Achievement of the Year, sponsored by Sully Sports and Social Club:

• Peter Haysham, for his role supporting gymnasts at YMCA Barry and as Welsh National Coach for male artist gymnastics.

• Gavin Chesterfield, for his role as manager of Barry Town United Football Club, achieving over 400 games in charge of the squad.

• Chloe McBratney, for overcoming medical conditions to excel in multiple sports, including coaching the Barry Town Pan Disability team.

Community Event of the Year, sponsored by Barry Round Table:

• The Neil Lewis Memorial Concert, for its work bringing together local people and bands every year to raise thousands of pounds for local good causes.

• The Barry Island Santa Fun Run, an annual event organised by Barry Town Council, which has hundreds of Santas run around Barry Island to raise money for local charities and groups.

• Llantwit Major Pride, launched in 2018 with the aim of bringing the local community together to celebrate love and neighbourliness.

Making a difference through business, sponsored by The Glamorgan GEM:

• Cariad Café Bar, for becoming an asset to the community and raising £10,000 for local causes in their first year of trading.

• The High Street Traders, for working together to organise events throughout the year for the community, to increase footfall for each other and give back to their customers.

• Holton Road Traders, for organising events within the town centre that have helped increase footfall through a decline in visitors.

Triumph Over Adversity, for sponsored by The Vale of Glamorgan Council:

• Charlotte Feldmeier, who suffered childhood rape and abuse, which she has overcome to write her own book which has helped support hundreds of child rape survivors.

• Soraya Kelly, for overcoming her battle with cancer to launching 'The Gloves are On' campaign, which has gone global and raised thousands of pounds for cancer charities.

• Rachel Degaetano, for overcoming the loss of her son who committed suicide, to launch Gobiath charity, dedicated to the prevention of suicide and to support those affected by it.

Bro Radio's Good Egg Award, sponsored by HRA Accounting:

• Ela Gemgee, for her work supporting those with learning difficulties, including setting up her own theatre company called 'High Voltage' drama club for people with special needs.

• Steve Blackman, for his work as the chairman of the Cowbridge Dementia Friendly Group who have worked to establish the town as a Dementia Friendly Community.

• Nicky Vicker, for her work as a garden manager at Gibby Green Fingers, supporting local people to gain opportunities, skills and confidence through gardening.

The finalists of Bro Radio's Community Awards will be invited to an awards night at the Memo Arts Centre in Barry on March 30.

Tickets are available via www.broradio.fm/communityawards.

Operations director Nathan Spackman said: "We think 10 years on air is a huge milestone and wanted to do something special to celebrate the occasion. One thing that has been evident over the decade is how integral the community is to everything that we do as a station, and when the idea of holding a community awards event came about, we knew it was the right decision.

"We were overwhelmed by the number of nominations received and cannot wait to celebrate the amazing community we serve."

Vale planners to consider tree tent campsite

AN amended planning application for a 'tree tent' campsite in woods on the southern fringe of Llantwit Major goes before Vale planners on Thursday, January 31, at the Civic Offices in Barry (4pm).

An application, by OOTA Property Ltd, argued the project would make the best use of the land in a neglected and overgrown area.

Ham Woods is an historical area, much loved by residents in the town and many are opposed to development there. Some local people are concerned that if old trees are taken down, it will have a devastating effect on local wildlife in a place of natural beauty.

Llantwit Town Council planning committee also believes the development is unsuitable for the area.

Local councillors have urged residents to write to the Vale Council with their views on the application and to attend the meeting next week.

Barry ballet dancers to compete in Europe again

BALLET dancers from Nicola Peros Ballet School in Barry competed in the Dance World Cup in Barcelona last year in an event involving 20,000 competitors from 54 countries.

Team Wales from the Barry dance school, Azaria Karim, Millie Saunders, Rosie Jo Bishop, Anna Duffy, Melissa Cookson, Evelyn Smith, Colm Edwards, Ophelia Forbes, Hannah Davies and Charlie Kanhoven, were placed tenth in the competition.

In preparation for the competition, the dancers performed in a showcase to raise funds to compete in Barcelona. Taylor Wimpey sponsored their tracksuits and Barry Round Table presented a cheque for £250 to the school.

The students have received news that they have qualified for this year's competition in Portugal and fundraising has already begun to fund the trip.

What's on and where - Local news in brief

Beach clean

JANUARY brings a new year of beach cleans for Friends of Barry Beaches. This month's beach clean will be at 3pm on Sunday, January 27 at Porthkerry Country Park in Barry. Volunteers should meet near the Forest Lodge for a 3pm start.

The litter pick lasts for an hour and equipment will be supplied. We welcome volunteers of all ages, but ask that children are accompanied by a responsible adult.

Tax advice

ARE you worried about your tax affairs? Age Connects Cardiff & Vale Senior Health Shop run a free monthly tax advice surgery available to anyone over the age of 50.

A session will be held on Monday, January 28 from 9.30am - no appointment is needed. You will be able to get advice from retired tax professional. Call 01446 732385 for further information; home visits can be arranged if needed.

Barry and Penarth Railway Society

THE next meeting of the Barry and Penarth Railway Society will be on Thursday, January 31st at 7.30pm in the Conservative Club, Stanwell Road, Penarth (CF64 2EZ).

Local rail enthusiast Mike Wilcock will give his annual presentation of his latest videos on the big screen with stereo sound. The evening show will feature mainline steam in the Cardiff and Barry area as well as his visits to Cwmbargoed, preserved lines in east Lancashire and the Severn Valley plus clips of the latest IEPs in Cardiff and much more. Come and join us!

History Society

THE Cowbridge History Society's next lecture will be on Friday, February 1 at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall of the Town Hall, Cowbridge when Patricia Price will talk on the topic 'Mad, Bad and Dangerous to know: the life and times of Lord Byron'; all welcome. For further information, visit www.cowbridgehistorysociety.org.

Bridgend Quakers

Bridgend Quakers meets on Sundays at 10.45am at the Quaker Meeting House at 87 Park Street, and on Wednesdays from at The Zone at 46-48 Dunraven Place, Bridgend between 12-1pm.

Visit /www.bridgendquakers.org.uk or telephone 0780 7660543 for more information.

Jumble sale

1st Dinas Powys Scout Group are holding a jumble sale at 1.30pm on Saturday, February 2 at The Scout Hall, Highwalls Road, Dinas Powys CF64 4AG; admission 50p.

Coming of the Light

AS part of its tenth anniversary celebrations, Art4U in Barry is inviting people to its 'Coming of the Light' event.

It celebrates the first stirrings of spring and takes place at Knap Lake and Gardens at 5pm on Saturday, February 2, meeting at the park entrance near the cafes.

Rock Choir

A CONCERT takes place on February 8 at the Sony theatre, Bridgend and is a night of music from Rock Choir, The Big Fat Blues Band and Porthcawl Comprehensive Choir in aid of the young carers of Bridgend.

Tickets are on sale now for £8 and available from ProTone, Joe's Barbershop, Ella Rileys, Once Upon a Playtime and MHM Wales. There is also a raffle, prizes donated by local businesses.

T.Rex tribute

T. Rex tribute band T.Rextasy will be plain at the Memo Centre, Barry, on Saturday, March 9.

Accepted as the world's only official live tribute band dedicated to Marc Bolan and T Rex, tickets are £23.50 (concession £22.50) from the Memo Booking Line 01446 738622 or memoartscentre.co.uk.

Cardiff Bus set to increase their fares

CARDIFF Bus, which serves the capital and the Vale, is to increase fares for the first time in 16 months.

As part of the revised fares an adult single ticket will increase from £1.90 to £2 in Cardiff. An adult 'Day to Go ticket' which provides unlimited travel throughout Cardiff, Penarth, Llandough and Dinas Powys, bought through the company's mobile app or website will be £3.80 or £4 if bought on the bus at the time of travel.

Customers using the company's mobile app can bulk buy single trips for use in the city for the equivalent of £1.60 a journey. For younger travellers, the young person's single remains unchanged at £1.30, while a young person's 'Day to Go ticket' will rise from £2.50 to £2.60. Short-hop fares in the city will increase to 80p for young people or £1.20 for adults.

NFU Ladies' annual dinner

THE annual dinner of the NFU Ladies took place at Lanelay Hall recently and was very enjoyable with good food, service and laughter.

Thanks go to Ann Clemett for organising the dinner.

The next meeting will take place at Penllyn Village Hall on Tuesday, February 19 at 7.30pm and the speaker will be Barry Evans, who will speak on 'Adelina Patti'; all are welcome.

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A LOCAL couple this week had a very lucky day when visiting R & D Jeweller's Antique Roadshow. Like most households they had a drawer full of bits and bobs including an old gent's watch from approximately 1930. The watch was working but had left to them. A selection of old, broken and incomplete rings and a few odd items of unusual jewellery were also included.

"The young couple were delighted with the good news," said Mr Harding, a professional jeweller.

He went on to say, "The couple asked me not to reveal the exact amount they received but I can confirm we are talking thousands of pounds."

HIDDEN TREASURE

Like most readers you probably have dreamt about winning the pools or fnding a pot of gold.

Many households have hidden treasure sitting around with the owners not knowing the true value. Well, this week is your chance to visit Barry.

Mr Harding added, "With many years of experience in valuing and purchasing watches, jewellery and gems, I could tell you many stories when people have visited a roadshow with items that were seemingly of little value to them." Whilst reading this article, many readers will be thinking of an old item or a piece of unused jewellery.

VALUATION

Mr Harding added, "The reasons behind choosing Barry is because it's well situated and well known to local people. The roadshow will be the last of its kind to visit the area. Many items are hoped to be found."

Your help is needed to make this unusual event a success with a free valuation service and no obligation to sell, what is there to lose?

Things you should look for and take next week include broken rings, old chains, pocket watches, old silver, diamond and gem set jewellery (even with stones missing), old pictures, objects d'art, coins, medals and virtually anything old or interesting.

Their buyers urgently require stock for collectors and overseas customers, and are offering an instant cash settlement on any items they buy.

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Making the most out of your special day

IF you make the right choice, then your wedding day should be the best day of your life, or certainly one of the most important.

That being said, with it being the most important day of your life there are no end of pressures when it comes to arranging the special day.

Flowers, cars, suits, dresses, invitations - all of these and more are sent to try even the most level-headed of people. But what is important is that to ensure that whatever choices you make, you are happy with them.

While delegating even the simplest of plans may feel like losing control, it's important to be able to pass on duties to other people, whether you're planning a wedding alone or with the help of your better half.

Take wedding dresses and suits - you may have a concrete idea of what you colour schemes and designs you want, but don't be afriad to ask for a second or third opinion - even, perhaps, be prepared to take on board other people's advice; after all, they're not there to make you look like a fool on your big day and sometimes a fresh point of view can be just what is needed.

Also don't be afraid to think outside the box. While the traditional wedding ceremony and reception are never going to go out of style, this is a chance for you to impress your own personalities on your big day.

Your wedding day should be an extension of you, the things you love, so if it seems a little different don't be afriad to explore it. If you want a bouncy castle for your guests then go for it (but keep an eye on the over-exuberant ones!); if you fancy a cart with sweets then go ahead and get one.

Invitations can be another source of stress and panic. With so many family and friends and only so much space both at the ceremony and the reception, whittling down your numbers to fit is never an easy task.

Here, the important thing is to make sure that the people who are coming are the people you want to be there to share the magical day, and if people have to miss out then hopefully they'll understand that it's nothing personal, just a question of logistics!

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Bravo for Operation Petticoat: an uplifting story of triumph

THERE are many niche industries in Bridgend and the Vale, and often tucked away behind fences or rather anodyne looking buildings.

They might not sell a product or service directly to Joe (or Jo) Public, but are part of manufacturing, sales, or service sector in the area that is, by any definition, booming

The GEM, in future editions, will tell the stories of these innovators and entrepreneurs, but the series begins with well… unmentionables.

Pleasantly distant – on Bridgend Industrial Estate – far from the hustle and bustle of a high street, shopping centre, or department store is Flowerbags.

For the uninitiated, it's a lingerie shop, although that needs some qualification.

For starters, it also sells men's underwear and socks, and secondly, the service offered goes far beyond that of a shop.

Through the doors into the discreet, friendly, and warm – who would want to be fitted for a bra in the chill? – ambience of Flowerbags is an Aladdin's Cave of lingerie and lace, in all sizes (from AA-K, 28-50), styles, shapes, and colours.

The shop is warm, comfortable, friendly and beautifully laid out.

Gill Williams is most likely to greet you, but other staff are equally as friendly, professional, and dedicated to providing the most pleasant experience for shopping or fitting.

That it is off the beaten track on an industrial estate is part of its allure.

Gill, who has been operating Flowerbags for some 14 years, gave one example of many of recent customer who sought out the store purely because it is in a quiet location.

She said: "The lady in question has a condition that leaves her feeling conscious that other people might be watching her.

"To go to a high-street chain, in full public view, and then try to find a quiet spot for a fitting just isn't for her.

"She values the very personal approach we take to a very personal matter."

Flowerbags – which is open Monday to Friday, but has a comprehensively large and easy-to-navigate website for mail-order buys – is also a go-to place for women who have undergone a partial, full, or double mastectomy.

The reputation, says Gill, of Flowerbags is so good that hospitals recommend it for its range of mastectomy-wear by Amoena, Royce and Trulife Mastectomy, which are unwired and have pockets in the cups to accept prosthetics.

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Chorale's 'Come and sing' funday proves a big hit

AT the recent 'Come and Sing' with St Donat's Chorale fun day, 36 people registered to join the choir last week.

One of the choir's pieces sung at the event was 'The Armed Man', by composer Karl Jenkins, and will feature in their forthcoming concert on April 6 at All Saints Church, Barry.

To sing in a group of over 65 singers is always a special experience and with Eugene Monteith, musical director and James Bull, musical accompanist, putting the choir through their paces, intermingled with plenty of home made cakes and drinks, everybody had a really fun day.

The feedback following the event was excellent and 15 guests have indicated they would like to continue to rehearse with the choir every Monday evening from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at Ysgol Y Ddraig School, Ham Lane East, Llantwit Major.

The choir would like to thank the school for allowing them to hold the event and will be donating a cheque for £100 towards their funds.

Anybody who was unable to attend and would like to try singing will be made welcome and can turn up on any Monday evening. There are no auditions and the first four rehearsals are free of charge.

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Llanblethian WI swan song

IT is with regret that we announce the closure of Llanblethian Women's Institute.

This well loved and much respected institute was founded in 1947, some 71 years ago; and we still have a founder member, Mrs Connie Sanders, with us today.

The Institute has had a very full and illustrious past, always involved and enjoying the many activities the WI movement has had to offer, while being totally committed to the needs and wants of the local community.

We have been struggling for a while, due to the age of our membership, and our failure to recruit younger members; this would be a sign of the times.

This age lies with the body and is not in the mind, of course: we are all still the same age now mentally as we were when we joined!

Let us not dwell to long in the here and now: what we still have are our memories, always remembering the good, happy times we have had over the years and the lasting friendships and the WI interests that will be with us always.

To all the local WIs, it could be that you will have some new members in the near future – give them a special welcome.

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PACT meetings in the Vale

WHY not come along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon?

Cuppa with a Copper will be held at the Barry YMCA HUB on Wednesday, February 6 between 2pm and 3.30pm.

Meet your local officer at The Square, Llandough Hospital, Penlan Road, Llandough Penarth, between 10am and 4pm on Monday, January 28 and Thursday, February 7 between 10am and 4pm.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting, contact 101 for non emergencies or log onto:

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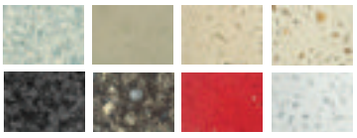

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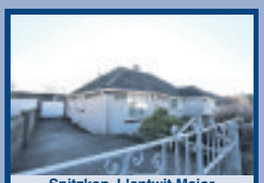

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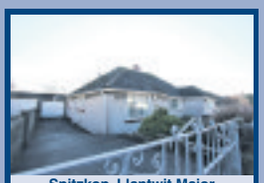

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On 15th January 2019 after a long illness bravely borne, Steve aged 64 years of Fonmon Road, Rhoose passed away peacefully at the University of Wales Hospital, Heath, Cardiff surrounded by all of his family. Loving husband of Cheryl, adored father of Samantha, Joanne and Daniel. Much loved father-in-law of Lucy and Sean and beloved Grumpa of Kaya and Martha.

Taken from us all far too soon. Words cannot express how much he will be missed.

Resting with W. James & Sons at The Chapel of Rest, Fonmon until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Monday, 28th January at 11am.

Wales or Blues rugby shirts/colourful clothes optional.

Family flowers only, but donations may be made to Bloodwise after the service.

CLISSETT
Norah (*née* Tierney)

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital on 14th January 2019, Norah aged 91 years, beloved wife of the late George, much loved mother of Angela, Allison and Andrew. A loved nan and great nan to all her grandchildren.

Norah will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Wednesday, 30th January at 10am, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for Llandough Hospital Stroke Rehabilitation Unit c/o the funeral director.

SHANKLAND
Pamela

Suddenly on 29th December 2018, devoted wife to the late Bernard.

Pamela will be sadly missed by her close friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Tuesday, 29th January at 2pm.

Flowers may be sent directly to the funeral home.

BLAKE
Colette Marie

Peacefully on 13th January, Colette, aged 31 years and well known within Barry, sadly passed away. A cherished daughter to Diane, David and the late John, a loving sister of Jonathan, Andrew, Ceri, and Marc.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her

Colette is resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until a celebration of her life at All Saints Church, Barry on Tuesday, 29th January at 11.30am.

Family floral tributes only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support Touch Therapy in memory of Colette.

Family request something pink be worn to reflect on Colette's bright personality.

Further enquiries please telephone 01446 407962.

MORGAN
Dillwyn

Passed away peacefully after a short illness at the Princess of Wales Hospital on 18th January. A devoted husband of Mary, loving father of Gwyn, Glynis and Gareth. Respected father-in-law and proud grandfather.

He will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Funeral service at St John Bapitst Church, Llanblethian on Friday, 1st February at 12 noon, followed by internment.

Family flowers only.

ROBERTS
Jack John

Peacefully at home, on Tuesday, 22nd January, aged 93.

Jack will be sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Tuesday, 29th January 10am. Family flowers only, suggested donations Tŷ Hafan and Macmillan.

NOTT
Barbara May (*née* Wood)

Peacefully at home on 17th January, Barbara sadly passed away. A devoted wife of 65 years to Ernest, loving mum and mum-in-law of Susan and Gary, Michael and Sue. An adored and cherished nan and great nan to all her grandchildren

Barbara will be so dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium on Monday, 28th January at 2pm.

Family floral tributes only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service or via Barbara's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk where you are also welcome to leave your personal messages to the family. All donations received to support Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth.

JENKINS
James (Jim)

Peacefully passed away on the 14th January. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Much loved dad and adored bamps. A great to friend to many.

The funeral will be held at Coychurch Crematorium on Friday, 8th February at 1.15pm, followed by the wake at Llantwit Major Rugby Club. This will be a celebration of life and the family will be wearing colours and invite you to join them.

Family flowers only. If you wish to make a donations they can be made to RNLI.

For any extra information contact Robert Johnson Funeral Directors on 01446 733844.

CROSSMAN
Simon Huw

Peacefully on the 6th January 2019, Simon passed away at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff. Much loved father of Rhian, Lowri and Eleri. Beloved brother to Andrew and sister-in-law Anna; and loved stepson to Ren.

He will be sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend on Tuesday, 29th January 2019 at 1.15pm. Simon has requested no black to be worn.

Family flowers only, donations in Simon's memory welcomed to LATCH, Welsh Children's Cancer Charity, University Hospital of Wales, Heath Park, Cardiff, CF14 4XW.

LEWINTON
Sylvia

Passed away peacefully at home on the 6th January 2019, Sylvia, aged 75, formerly of Victoria Park Road, Barry and Bell Lane, Enfield. Beloved wife of the late John, a loving mum of Danny and the late Tracey, a wonderful mother-in-law of Toni; a cherished nan of James and a fantastic friend of Paula.

Sylvia will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

JONES
Gwylim John (Johno)

Suddenly after a short illness on the 12th January at Llandough Hospital, John passed away peacefully.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him. John enjoyed his time playing bowls, singing and socialising with all his friends.

A funeral service will be held at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry, on 1st February at 11am, followed by refreshments at Market Street Club, Barry.

CHEESEBOROUGH
Keith Elfric

(Formerly of Bindles Ices, Barry)

Sadly passed away peacefully at home in Koktoom Thailand with his beloved wife Née by his side on 20th January 2019. A much loved father to Tara, Joanne and Mark, grandfather to Madeleine and brother of Ann.

A memorial service will be held in the spring, further notice will be given.

KENNEDY
Alfred (Alfie)

(Rollerball Disco and Llysworney Garage)

Passed away peacefully on 20th January. Beloved husband of Milly, much loved father of Nicole, Danielle, Jenna and Chloe. Doting grandfather of Olly.

You have left a heartbroken family who will always love and miss you.

Funeral service to be held at Coychurch Crematorium on Thursday, 31st January at 10am. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if desired, to Arthritis Research UK.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

BURROWS
Janice May (Jan)

Sadly passed away on the 20th January 2019.

The funeral will take place at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry on Friday, 1st February 2019 at 2pm.

Floral tributes welcome.

RICHARDS
Michael John

Passed away peacefully at Llandough Hospital on Thursday, 17th January 2019. Loving brother of Graham, Daphne, Marina and the late Barry.

Mike will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Thursday, 31st January, service and interment 11am at Llantwit Major Cemetery, Boverton Road, Llantwit Major.

BREWER
Anne (*née* Treweeke)

After a long illness, Anne passed away at home on Monday, 14th January 2019. Beloved wife of Geoff, loving mother of Karen, Christine, Pamela, Jayne and Sarah. Much loved grandmother, great grandmother and mother-in-law.

Anne will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Wednesday, 30th January, service and cremation 2pm at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Alzheimers Society c/o the funeral director. Casual, colourful clothes welcome.

TIPPING
John

Passed away peacefully at Glanffrwd Nursing Home, Pencoed on 16th January 2019, aged 94 years, after a long illness. Beloved husband of Marjorie, loving father of Christine and Elizabeth, much loved grandfather and great grandfather.

Sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at David Wilde Chapel of Rest, Mawdlam until the funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium at 11am on Thursday, 31st January 2019.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu of flowers to Alzheimers Society and Parkinsons Society c/o Brian Thomas Funeral Service, telephone 01656 668967.

Acknowledgements

PHIPPS
Mary Rosina (*née* Lynch)

Mary's family would like to thank everyone for all the kind messages of sympathy and support received following her passing on 31 December.

Sincere thanks to everyone who attended her funeral, for the wonderful floral tributes and the kind donations in her memory, which have been passed onto the Alzheimer's Society.

The family would like to thank Canon Pat O'Gorman and everyone at St Helen's RC Church and also the staff of A.G. Adams Funeralcare for their caring and professional service throughout.

Our heartfelt thanks go also to all family members, friends, neighbours, carers, health and social care professionals who helped care for mum at home, in Llandough Hospital and, latterly, at the Waverley Care Centre; and for all the support received by the family during the course of mum's long illness.

Rest in peace mum – we will miss you always.

Acknowledgements

LEWIS
Allen

Allen's family extend their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all family and friends for their thoughtful messages, kind donations and especially their presence at the celebration of Allen's life.

Thanks to Joseph at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Barry and to Ceri-Lou (Celebrant) for her sensitive and thoughtful tribute to Allen.

Thanks to the kind and dedicated staff on Ground Floor at Holme Tower, Penarth and finally to Donna Lee, his Marie Curie Nurse for her care.

Birthdays

JACOB FOAT

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Melissa Goodland

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Tense afternoon sees Dinas Powys RFC emerge with bonus-point win over Porth

THE Villagers of Dinas Powys RFC gained maximum league points following this 28-20 victory over Porth, scoring four tries in the process and depriving their opponents of a losing bonus point.

The visitors took the lead after 10 minutes through a penalty goal but this lead was to last only 10 minutes as left wing Jim Wiltshire ventured infield and, off a planned move, appeared between his centres and ran in for a well-worked try that was converted by full back Ben White.

The home side were never to surrender the lead but struggled to pull away from a resolute Porth side, and the home supporters were unable to relax until the final moments of the contest.

The home side were on the attack from the restart and again the influential Wiltshire was to the fore, as the flame-haired left wing flew down the touchline.

The ball was passed inside and passes between scum half Tom Davies and his half back partner Darren Ryan allowed White. coming in from full back, to dance over for the try.

The conversion was added by White and two tries within three minutes had allowed the Villagers to take a 14-3 lead.

The visitors from the Rhondda, however, responded with a try of their own before half-time through their left wing following a concerted period of pressure.

The home side had rejected the opportunity of clearing their line through a kick , opting to attempt to relieve the pressure by running the ball from behind their own tryline.

This was to be a feature of the afternoon as the option of kicking to clear pressure was rejected for a more cavalier approach.

The second half started in a feisty manner and the retribution for an unpunished late tackle saw the home side reduced to 14 men for 10 minutes. During this period the home defence was tested to the maximum and fine, first-up tackling by the back rowers Lewis Dunleavy, Josh Dunleavy and Corey Imperatto was supplemented by the efforts of prop Jerome Bryan and the magnificent second row Gareth Williams.

The defence remained unbreached during this period, and this was to prove vital in obtaining the victory.

The Villagers, restored to their full complement, returned to the attack and strong carries by skipper Tom Baister encouraged his side, with a quick tap penalty by replacement scrum half Sam Middlemiss fed to the boisterous Josh Dunleavy who barged his way forward before feeding brother Lewis who threw a dummy and crossed for the try.

With the conversion added by White the lead was extended to 21-8 with 20 minutes of the contest remaining.

The visitors were to score their second try within a couple of minutes as again the option to clear pressure with a kick was rejected on a couple of occasions until eventually a delicate chip kick over the approaching defensive line was caught by the Porth fly half, who scurried 30 metres unopposed for the try which was duly converted, and with 10 minutes remaining the Villagers led 21-15.

The tension was palpable as the visitors now considered an unlikely victory possible. With the home side encamped in the opposition's 22, the Villagers spilled a vital pass and the Porth wing hoofed the ball downfield into the Dinas Powys half.

The ball bounced in front of left wing Jim Wiltshire, who ran 60 metres to score a stunning try in the left corner, outpacing the covering defence.

The seemingly impossible conversion was added through the boot of White and the home side led 28-15. The try was the Villagers' fourth try of the afternoon , thereby securing a bonus point.

The conversion was also vital, as even though the visitors scored a further try of their own following a rolling maul, the final score of 28-20 deprived the visitors of a losing bonus point.

The supporters were treated to a tense and exciting contest with the highlight of the afternoon being the defensive performance by the home side when reduced to 14 players proving the benefit of teamwork, and the individual performance of wing Jim Wiltshire proving the benefit of white hot pace.

HJ

Long trip pays off for Vaughan

A 295 miles trip to Sedgfield on Monday, January 21, from Aberthin in the Vale paid off when the Tim Vaughan-trained Briac landed the RaceBets Money Back 2nd All Races Handicap Chase.

Partnered by stable jockey Alan Johns, who hails from west Wales, eight -year-old Briac, the 11-10 favourite in a field of six runners, scored by eight lengths from Miss Vonn.

Versatile Briac was winning for the second time in seven days, having been successful at Ffos Las in a hurdle race the previous Monday.

Brian Lee

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Local coach to be honoured at national awards

PENCOEDTRE Village's Olivia Bryl is to be officially recognised by British Gymnastics at this weekend's National Awards for her outstanding contribution to gymnastics by the sport's governing body in the UK.

Olivia Bryl coaching.

The gymnast, coach and judge will receive the Award of Merit at the prestigious ceremony at Birmingham Town Hall, which celebrates individuals who have provided an outstanding service to both British Gymnastics and gymnastics at a national level for a minimum of seven years.

Olivia first got involved in the sport as a competitive gymnast, competing for her country at many international competitions, including the Commonwealth Games, World Championships and World Student Games.

After retiring in 2010, she has spent the past eight years coaching the next generation of talent in Wales, particularly in her current role as Junior National Coach.

On top of her coaching responsibilities, Bryl judges in a volunteer capacity. She has travelled the world judging at international competitions, which include three Commonwealth Games, World Cups, World School Games and many other events.

The Award of Merit has been awarded to Olivia for her dedication to developing talent and supporting coaches on this journey to international success.

On receiving the Award, Olivia said: "I feel very honoured to receive this award, as gymnastics has always been a huge part of my life from an early age.

"I have been given so many opportunities and new experiences along the way, which have allowed me to further my knowledge, meet new people, and travel the world. I want to continue helping those young gymnasts, coaches and judges to achieve and experience as much as they can.

"I'm privileged to work in a sport where the people are so passionate and committed, and I am looking forward to seeing the success of British Gymnastics at the Awards Evening."

Local club are kitted out by sponsors

Dinas Powys FC have new away kits thanks to sponsorship from Edenstone Homes. Jennifer Hayes is pictured at The Woodlands with Calum Driscoll, Harry Driscoll, Kieran McCarthy and Rob Bloxham.

PLAYERS from Dinas Powys FC are sporting a new kits after teaming up with Edenstone Homes.

The club's first team plays in Division Two of the Welsh Football League, with home games are played at the Murch playing field, less than a mile from The Woodlands, an Edenstone development on Cross Common Road, and the independent homebuilder was happy to step in and lend some home town support to the club.

Rob Bloxham, from Dinas Powys FC, said: "Dinas Powys Football Club was formed in 1971 and now has around 350 adult, youth, girls, junior and mini members, making it one of the largest football clubs by membership in south Wales. We're glad to have the support of Edenstone Homes as their sponsorship has enabled us to purchase new away kits and training tops for the first team."

By way of thanks, the club presented Edenstone with a framed jersey to display at The Woodlands.

Adele McCoy, sales manager for Edenstone Homes, said: "Sports clubs like Dinas Powys FC are not only a great way for people to stay active, they also bring people together, putting them at the heart of the community.

"Supporting the club is our way of giving something back to the community. We wish all of the Dinas Powys FC teams the best of luck for the remainder of the season."

RB

Golf club team up with the Bridgend Stroke Association

PYLE & Kenfig Golf Club and Wales Golf have linked up with the Stroke Association to encourage those in our local community who have survived a stroke to try golf or get back into the game they love.

As part of this years New2Golf campaign, Wales Golf have partnered with the charity to highlight the accessibility of golf and demonstrate the benefits of golf for those who have survived a stroke.

Pyle & Kenfig is one of only 10 facilities across Wales that have rolled out the scheme this season, all offering free or low cost beginner group lessons, specifically tailored to stroke survivors.

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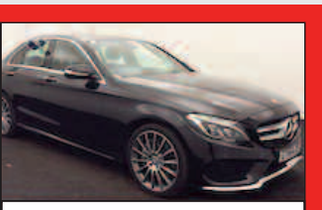

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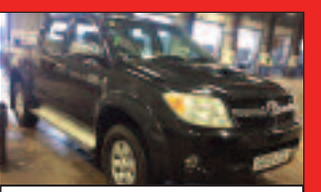

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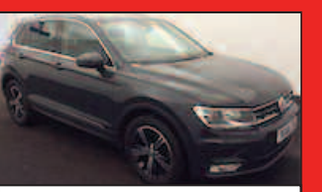

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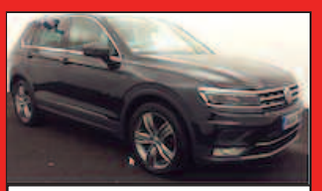

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Barry Town United ready for Druids test in JD Welsh Cup

BARRY Town United have the chance to advance to the quarter-finals of the JD Welsh Cup this Saturday afternoon, with Cefn Druids providing the fourth round opponents at Jenner Park.

The match, which will be decided by extra-time and/or penalties, if required, is one of a trio of all-JD Welsh Premier League ties to be played out this weekend.

However, Barry's match against the Druids could well prove the most entertaining of all eight fourth round ties, particularly if their most recent league meetings are anything to go by.

Since the Town returned to the JD Welsh Premier League in August 2017, Barry and Druids have split two wins apiece.

In October 2017, late efforts from Lewis Buckley and Ashley Ruane handed Druids a 3-1 comeback win at Jenner Park, after Buckley had cancelled out Kayne McLaggon's first-half opener.

Then, in the following month's return at The Rock, Naim Arsan and Jon Taylor would secure a 2-1 triumph for the home side, in spite of Chris Hugh's equaliser shortly before the hour.

This season, Barry have come from a trailing position on two different occasions to beat their north Wales adversaries.

In September, Druids' Arek Pioskorski netted mere seconds into the match, only for Barry to battle back to a 2-1 victory, goals from Jordan Cotterill and Mo Touray in the 73rd and 92nd minutes respectively turning a compelling game on its head.

Meanwhile, January's recent rematch saw Barry surrender a 1-0 lead to trail 2-1 at the break, before McLaggon, Touray and Cotterill unleashed a string of second-half strikes, enabling the Town to power to a thrilling 5-2 triumph.

With goals raining at The Rock three weeks ago, neutrals might expect another eventful afternoon when the two teams reconvene at Jenner Park on Saturday, yet the importance of the occasion and the nature of the knock-out fixture could serve to make this tie a cagier contest than its free-scoring predecessor.

Indeed, for Druids, the JD Welsh Cup competition offers a route into Europe that could otherwise be beyond them in terms of league positioning, with only a spirited charge into seventh and the resulting play-off berth offering another chance of repeating last season's Europa League adventure.

For Barry, the excitement of mounting a European challenge on two fronts remains, but Gavin Chesterfield's side will need to be on their game to ensure a place in the quarter-final draw.

Since the foundation of the club in 1912, Barry have made the quarter-finals no fewer than 20 times, the most recent being in 2013, when they edged a tense fourth round tie with Pontardawe Town 2-1, following goals from Lee Baldock and Ryan Jenkins.

Admission for the game this Saturday, January 26 is £7 (adults), £5 (senior citizens/students) and £3 (children) at the turnstiles. Supporters are advised that season tickets do not apply for this tie, with gate receipts to be divided between the clubs.

AC

Cowbridge Darts League round-up

ON Tuesday, January 15, it was an evening of high-scoring darts, with Luke Richards (Edmonds B), Nigel Thomas (Farmers Arms), Steve Simmonite (Edmondes A) and Iain Jones (Victoria Inn) all hitting the maximum 180 score.

Also Martin Thomas (Edmondes B) hit a 121 three-dart-out, the highest out this season, bettering the 116 hit last week by Cedric Simmonite (Edmondes B).

Match results are as follows: the Edmondes B beat the Llanharry 7-2, the Farmers Arms defeated the Edmondes C 5-4, the Highwayman Inn beat the Hairy Farmers 8-1, the Edmondes A beat the Red Lion Inn 7-2 and the Victoria Inn beat the One Town Hall Square 6-3.

Present league standings, after 10 weeks, are: Edmondes B (68 points), Highwayman Inn (63), Edmondes A (55), Farmers Arms (51), Victoria Inn (46), Llanharry (44), Hairy Farmers (39), Edmondes C (32), One Town Hall Square (29) and Red Lion Inn (14).

Next week, Tuesday, January 29, we return to league action. The One Town Hall Square hosts the Highwayman Inn, the Edmondes A hosts the Farmers Arms, the Hairy Farmers hosts the Edmondes B and the Victoria Inn hosts the Edmondes C. Also, Llanharry hosts the Red Lion Inn. All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome.

For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

PJT

The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

Holton Road are Division One champions, in what must be a record fastest title win by being crowned in January.

The title was confirmed with a 5-0 thrashing of Cadoxton Barry, making it an incredible 15 wins from 15 games, with six league games to go.

A tremendous achievement by all at the club and congratulations to all involved. Holton Road now focus on a potential treble as the compete for the SWFA Intermediate Cup and the VOGAFL Supporters Cup.

Elsewhere in Division One the race for the second promotion spot hotted up. Tynewydd saw off SP Billy 5-3, while winger-turned-striker Jamie Livingston bagged a fantastic four goals in a 5-2 victory for Cadoxton Imps against Cardiff Airport and Cogan Coronation thumped Cwm Talwg 6-1 at the Rec.

Just four points separate Tynewydd, Cadoxton Imps and Cogan in the race for promotion.

In Division Two, Cameron Barrett and Nathan Gahan helped leaders AFC Rhoose B win the top of the table clash with St Athan B 2-0. Rhoose B move three points ahead at the top with a game in hand.

Barry Vikings leapfrog St Athan B into second spot after a hard fought 2-1 win over Island Marine B, making it five wins on the bounce for the Vikings.

Goals from Alex Lee, Luke Brody Miles and Jamie Viscount got Barry Athletic B back to winning ways, with a 4-2 triumph over Cadoxton Athletic at the Athletic Ground to further compound the away side's recent run.

At Cwrt Y Vil there was 11 goals as Penarth Town B defeated Vale Madrid 7-4 to stay fourth.

In the Premier Division, AFC Rhoose put seven past bottom of the league St Athan with two in reply. Ben Murphy grabbed a hat trick, Josh Bryan a brace and one apiece for Jack Butler and Jordan Owen.

Rhoose cut Barry Athletic's lead to four points by winning their game in hand. The title race is very much on in the Premier Division.

However, it's now seven league games without a win for St Athan, as last season's runners-up prop up the division. In the other Premier Division game, Cowbridge Town were held at home 1-1 by Sully Sports.

HD

Old Hall Bridge Club results

THE results from Old Hall Bridge Club for January 16 are:

First, Penny Jarvis and Helen Barri; second, Barbara Exton and Eleanor Jones. Visitors are always welcome.

Beavers' AGM

BARRY Beavers Disabled Swimming Club are holding this year's AGM meeting on February 7 at the Civic Offices at 5.30pm.

Members are invited to attend the meeting.

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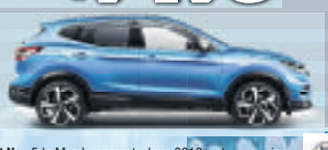

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16 66 VOLVO XC60 2.0 D4 R-Design Lux Nav 5dr Automatic, Volvo warranty Oct 2019, sat nav, heated seats, 18"alloys, privacy glass, 23k, black, half-leather **£21995**

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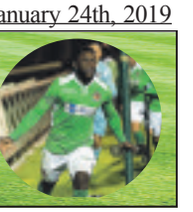

Williams hat-trick sees Cowbridge RFC cruise to win over Penygraig

LAST Saturday, Cowbridge entertained Penygraig in the third match between the two this season, and with a cigarette paper separating the two in the previous games this looked to be another exciting encounter, and so it proved.

This was to be the first of two crucial encounters to end the month.

The pitch at kick off might have been described in horse racing terms as good to soft, with the weather reasonably mild for the time of year.

Penygraig, on the back of a good win the weekend before in the National Bowl, started well and with a big pack and an outside half with a great boot, were on the attack in the opening minutes.

Ten minutes in and the Penygraig pack had the Cowbridge 8 on the retreat from a five-metre scrum and their No 8 dabbed down for the first score, converted by their outside half.

Four minutes later, full back Josh Thomas' penalty went to the left of the sticks. After absorbing pressure at the midpoint, as so often this season, wing Rhydian Williams ran from deep, gliding past his opposite number inside the full back and now had No 8 Reuben Tucker in support, who took play into Penygraig's 22 before a loose pass brought that attack to a stop.

Down at the right end of the field, Cowbridge pressed; the scrum was stronger and Penygraig were forced to slow Cowbridge ball as they upped the pace.

After warning Penygraig's captain about the infringing, their outside centre was the next to try it and he was sent to the sidelines for 10 minutes. Thomas made no mistake with this penalty in front of the posts.

With six minutes to half-time, and continuing to attack, Cowbridge moved the ball in their own half. Centre Tom James sent a long flat pass to Rhydian and he again weaved outside and then inside to Penygraig's 22, and popped it to outside half Gareth Williams-Davies, who was tackled.

After recycling, captain Ross Gibbon drove for the line but he was stopped short. Just before half time, the ball was again moved left and Thomas in the line took the pass, straightened his line and burst into Penygraig's 22 before offloading to Rhydian, who had to break through tacklers to score an outstanding 65 metre try.

Just on half-time, Tucker and Penygraig's No 6 were involved in a skirmish as Tucker protested about earlier dubious play and both came to the sidelines. At half-time, the score stood at 8-7 and all to play for.

In the second half, buoyed by the coaches' half-time talk to lift the shackles, within minutes scrum half Hywel Williams took the play to Penygraig with a series of breaks, bursting through tackles and keeping Cowbridge on the front foot.

Having been restored to the pitch, Reuben Tucker fell heavily on his elbow which caused a nasty injury and he was replaced by tough-tackling flanker Tom Evans. Tucker has been outstanding in his three games this season.

Cowbridge continued running the ball with real purpose and Thomas made the extra man count again and Rhydian put his foot to the floor and touched down.

At the midpoint centre, Sam Stephens, after a strong game in attack and defence, was replaced by Huw Lougher and pacy wing Zac Sumerhayes gave way to Will Williams. -With hooker Craig Boxall throwing in accurately, Gibbon took the clean catch and then it was spun out to Williams-Davies to kick across to the left and Rhydian scorched down the wing to beat the cover and score for his hat trick. Thomas added a superb conversion for the touchline.

Williams- Davies made several breaks tying in their back row before their scrum half lost his head in front of the referee and was shown a red card. Karl Jones at prop came off and Rhys Price sprinted on.

Cowbridge continued to attack with forwards James Bennett and Dan Holder, as usual in the thick of everything, while James Darke at second row was a revelation.

With minutes to go, Penygraig attacked down their right and just inside the Cowbridge half, Gibbon intercepted a pass and set off, inter-passing with Holder outside him. Although Penygraig reclaimed the ball, Rhys Price, with a solid tackle, dislodged it from one of their players and in a flash it was scooped up and spun wide.

Thomas was again the provider, sending out a pass to Will Williams who brought it under control, and, with a good bit to do, got between players and grounded the ball for the vital four, and bonus-point-earning try, the final score 25-7

This was a great team effort, every player contributing in attack and defence. The team won against a strong Penygraig by playing at a pace that was hard to live with and tackling all afternoon long.

Rhydian Williams' tries lit up the afternoon, but the coaches will have told the players to celebrate but to remember only a performance like that or better will be good enough this week against Fairwater.

We wish Reuben Tucker well as he recovers, a real shame to lose him.

This Saturday, we take on the leaders Fairwater away, and all available players are needed. There is due to be a coach leaving from the club, but please keep in contact with the club for details.

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Llanharan's dual code rugby legend Garfield Owen passes away

WELSH dual code rugby legend Garfield Owen has died aged 86 after suffering with Parkinson's Disease since the 1990s. Wales rugby league heritage #246, his lone Welsh cap in the 13-man game came against France in 1959 where he kicked one goal in Wales' 25-8 defeat.

Born on March 20, 1932, Owen, who was educated at Cowbridge Grammar School, played rugby union for his hometown club, Llanharan, as well as Wrexham, Maesteg, Newport and Barbarians, and won six caps for Wales in the 15-man code.

He joined Halifax in 1956, signing live on BBC TV's Sportsview, and in six seasons with the Yorkshire club, he played 166 matches, scoring 535 goals and four tries, equalling 1,082 points.

He then spent four seasons at Keighley, where he smashed goalscoring records, scoring three tries and kicking 348 goals, equalling 705 points in 127 appearances, and also became coach before retiring in 1965.

He is one of the few Welshmen to have scored more than 1000-points in their rugby league career and is a member of the Hall of Fame at both Halifax and Keighley.

Owen was talented in many sports other than rugby. He had been a international schoolboy cricketer, a record-breaking athlete with the javelin, a local golfing champion in Wales and for many years a crown-green bowler, being a member of Stafford Bowling Club, Halifax.

Garfield Owen in action.

Away from rugby, he was also a teacher but he later turned to selling cars.

On retirement he and his family chose to stay in Halifax rather than return to Wales.

Wales Rugby League chairman Brian Juliff, himself a former Halifax player, said: "Garfield was an outstanding Welsh rugby 'code-breaker' and he will be greatly missed by so many people. A legend in Halifax RLFC and of course Newport RFC. Sincere condolences have been passed on to the family of a wonderful man."

Fellow Wales international and good friend Jim Mills said: "Garfield was a lovely man and a true gentleman, he was very much respected. My deepest sympathy to his lovely wife Marlene, son Russell, daughter Sally and all the family."

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Thrilling game sees Cowbridge youth team deny St Peters

COWBRIDGE RFC youth finished off their Blues Premier League season with a brilliant away victory at the top of the table St Peters.

With 14 of the squad unavailable, Cowbridge had to play with uncontested scrums and a number of boys made their youth debut.

St Peters started the day as champions-elect, but they needed a victory to confirm the title.

St Peters started the stronger, using their much larger pack very effectively. Time after time, the St Peters scrum half kept the ball close to his pack, pop pass after pop pass, battering the Cowbridge defensive line.

The younger, smaller Cowbridge pack showed great character and discipline producing a superb defensive effort to thwart the St Peters pack.

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GJ

Wales under-20s Six Nations call-up for Athletic's Caine

Caine Woolerton (with ball in hand) in action. (Picture by John Cannon).

BRIDGEND Athletic would like to congratulate Caine Woolerton on his selection for the Wales under-20 Six Nations squad.

Caine started playing for the Athletic under-8s and with the guidance of head coach Lee Grabham and assistant Kevin Gamble, continued with the Athletic right through the age groups to under-16 and then two seasons in the Athletic youth, before, along with his youth team captain Joe Grabham, being awarded an Ospreys Academy place this season.

He is a very versatile back and has turned out with distinction in all the back positions.

Caine was part of the Athletic junior sides that won the Ospreys cup at both under-15 and under-16 level. At youth level, in his two seasons the youth won the Ospreys A League.

In the first season, they also won the Welsh Youth League play-off final defeating Blues region side Rumney.

Last season, they were beaten finalists to Pontypridd in nother Welsh Youth final play-off. Throughout his career, Caine has been a prolific try scorer.

This season, along with Joe Grabham, he featured in the inaugural Celtic Cup for the Ospreys Academy. Since the Celtic Cup, Caine has featured twice for the Bridgend Ravens in the Premiership this season and four times for Bridgend Athletic first XV in Division 1 East Central.

In all, he has played eight Athletic first XV fixtures, scoring four tries and two conversions.

The first Wales under-20 fixture is away at the Stade de France against France on February 1.

His Athletic coach and mentor through age group and youth rugby, Lee Grabham, said: "It was obvious when I first met Caine that he had something special. His natural ability, including great pace and an elusive side step, was awesome to watch and work with over his many seasons with us. He also never shied away from the physical part of the game.

"But apart from his skill set and the numerous tries he's scored in Athletic colours, he is a great kid, popular with his team mates and always willing to learn and improve.

"We are all thrilled for Caine and wish him all the very best in the forthcoming Six Nations – it's thoroughly deserved!"

AB

On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee

PHILIP Dando, who farms at Peterson-super-Ely, saw his seven-year-old *IfAndBut* win the Call Star Sports On 8000 521 321 Handicap Hurdle at Exeter last Sunday, January 20.

In a field of 14 runners, *IfAndBut*, who was ridden by five pound-claiming jockey Mitchell Bastyan, won by two-and-three quarter lengths from *Micras* and was returned at odds of 7-1.

Former point-to-point rider Philip is well known as a breeder and trainer of many point-to-point winners and has also had considerable success with his horses under Rules.

SILVER STREAK'S SILVER MEDAL

A MISTAKE three hurdles from the finish put paid to the chance of the Evan Williams-trained *Silver Streak* landing The New One Unibet Hurdle worth more than £42,000 to the winner at Haydock Park last Saturday.

The race was won by the Bryn Pauling-trained *Global Citizen*, who under David Bass made all to beat *Silver Streak*, ridden by stable jockey Adam Wedge by three lengths.

There were no excuses from Williams who told the press: "The best horse won."

Silver Streak, voted the best hurdler in Wales at the beginning of the year, has now finished runner-up in his last three races.

Williams was also out of luck at Taunton where his *Railroad Junkie*, partnered by Pembrokeshire's Sean Bowen, was beaten half-a-length by the Tom George-trained *Boagrius* in the Foresters Garden Buildings Chase Novices Limited Handicap Chase.

WINS FOR FATHER AND DAUGHTER AT WOLVERHAMPTON

GRACE Harris and her father Ron Harris, who both train in the Chepstow area, saddled long-priced winners at Wolverhampton on Saturday evening.

Grace landed the opening Like Sun Racing On Facebook Apprentice Handicap over seven furlongs with 50-1 no-hoper *MoorOverTheBridge*, and Ron won the Betway Handicap over five furlongs with 16-1 chance *Union Rose*.

MoreOverTheBridge got home by a neck from *Blessed To Empress* and was partnered by Finley Marsh, and *Union Rose*, who was ridden by Welsh-speaking jockey David Probert from Bargoed, won by one-and-a-quarter lengths from the John Spearing trained *A Sure Welcome*.

Golfers battle through drizzle

A GOOD field of 28 members of St Mary's Golf Club's senior section braved the miserable conditions of drizzly rain to play a team Yellow Ball Stableford competition.

The eight teams of three, and one team of four, found the going very heavy underfoot and by popular choice, opted to play the event over a reduced course of just 15 holes.

In this format, one player of each team is nominated as the Yellow Ball player and the yellow ball score and the better of the other two are recorded.

The Yellow Ball nomination alternates between the three (or four) players hole by hole. To ensure parity, one player of the four-ball dropped out on each hole.

For the second week running, Trefor Jones found himself in the second placed team, on this occasion supported by Roger Hatton and Phil Banks.

Their 61 points matched that of the four-ball team of Steve Phillips, Gareth Jones, Doug Mein and Trevor Evans but a better back six count-back secured the victory for the latter team.

Their second competition of the week was played out between seven teams of three players in a similar team format of two scores counting on each hole, but without the yellow ball nomination.

The scores on the par three holes were doubled. The fairways remained soggy and the players once again chose to play a reduced course, on this occasion over 12 holes. In third place with a Stableford score of 64 points, was the team of Bob Coombes, Phil Hatton and Norman Lloyd.

Runners-up, with 65 points were Doug Mein, Brian Peacock and Phil's brother, Roger Hatton. With an impressive 67 points the victory was claimed by RoyDenton, Jeff Perkins and Eddie Fothergill.

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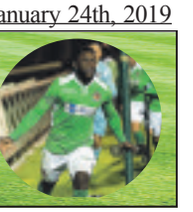

Williams hat-trick sees Cowbridge RFC cruise to win over Penygraig

LAST Saturday, Cowbridge entertained Penygraig in the third match between the two this season, and with a cigarette paper separating the two in the previous games this looked to be another exciting encounter, and so it proved.

This was to be the first of two crucial encounters to end the month.

The pitch at kick off might have been described in horse racing terms as good to soft, with the weather reasonably mild for the time of year.

Penygraig, on the back of a good win the weekend before in the National Bowl, started well and with a big pack and an outside half with a great boot, were on the attack in the opening minutes.

Ten minutes in and the Penygraig pack had the Cowbridge 8 on the retreat from a five-metre scrum and their No 8 dabbed down for the first score, converted by their outside half.

Four minutes later, full back Josh Thomas' penalty went to the left of the sticks. After absorbing pressure at the midpoint, as so often this season, wing Rhydian Williams ran from deep, gliding past his opposite number inside the full back and now had No 8 Reuben Tucker in support, who took play into Penygraig's 22 before a loose pass brought that attack to a stop.

Down at the right end of the field, Cowbridge pressed; the scrum was stronger and Penygraig were forced to slow Cowbridge ball as they upped the pace.

After warning Penygraig's captain about the infringing, their outside centre was the next to try it and he was sent to the sidelines for 10 minutes. Thomas made no mistake with this penalty in front of the posts.

With six minutes to half-time, and continuing to attack, Cowbridge moved the ball in their own half. Centre Tom James sent a long flat pass to Rhydian and he again weaved outside and then inside to Penygraig's 22, and popped it to outside half Gareth Williams-Davies, who was tackled.

After recycling, captain Ross Gibbon drove for the line but he was stopped short. Just before half time, the ball was again moved left and Thomas in the line took the pass, straightened his line and burst into Penygraig's 22 before offloading to Rhydian, who had to break through tacklers to score an outstanding 65 metre try.

Just on half-time, Tucker and Penygraig's No 6 were involved in a skirmish as Tucker protested about earlier dubious play and both came to the sidelines. At half-time, the score stood at 8-7 and all to play for.

In the second half, buoyed by the coaches' half-time talk to lift the shackles, within minutes scrum half Hywel Williams took the play to Penygraig with a series of breaks, bursting through tackles and keeping Cowbridge on the front foot.

Having been restored to the pitch, Reuben Tucker fell heavily on his elbow which caused a nasty injury and he was replaced by tough-tackling flanker Tom Evans. Tucker has been outstanding in his three games this season.

Cowbridge continued running the ball with real purpose and Thomas made the extra man count again and Rhydian put his foot to the floor and touched down.

At the midpoint centre, Sam Stephens, after a strong game in attack and defence, was replaced by Huw Lougher and pacy wing Zac Sumerhayes gave way to Will Williams. -With hooker Craig Boxall throwing in accurately, Gibbon took the clean catch and then it was spun out to Williams-Davies to kick across to the left and Rhydian scorched down the wing to beat the cover and score for his hat trick. Thomas added a superb conversion for the touchline.

Williams- Davies made several breaks tying in their back row before their scrum half lost his head in front of the referee and was shown a red card. Karl Jones at prop came off and Rhys Price sprinted on.

Cowbridge continued to attack with forwards James Bennett and Dan Holder, as usual in the thick of everything, while James Darke at second row was a revelation.

With minutes to go, Penygraig attacked down their right and just inside the Cowbridge half, Gibbon intercepted a pass and set off, inter-passing with Holder outside him. Although Penygraig reclaimed the ball, Rhys Price, with a solid tackle, dislodged it from one of their players and in a flash it was scooped up and spun wide.

Thomas was again the provider, sending out a pass to Will Williams who brought it under control, and, with a good bit to do, got between players and grounded the ball for the vital four, and bonus-point-earning try, the final score 25-7

This was a great team effort, every player contributing in attack and defence. The team won against a strong Penygraig by playing at a pace that was hard to live with and tackling all afternoon long.

Rhydian Williams' tries lit up the afternoon, but the coaches will have told the players to celebrate but to remember only a performance like that or better will be good enough this week against Fairwater.

We wish Reuben Tucker well as he recovers, a real shame to lose him.

This Saturday, we take on the leaders Fairwater away, and all available players are needed. There is due to be a coach leaving from the club, but please keep in contact with the club for details.

RK/RV

Llanharan's dual code rugby legend Garfield Owen passes away

WELSH dual code rugby legend Garfield Owen has died aged 86 after suffering with Parkinson's Disease since the 1990s. Wales rugby league heritage #246, his lone Welsh cap in the 13-man game came against France in 1959 where he kicked one goal in Wales' 25-8 defeat.

Born on March 20, 1932, Owen, who was educated at Cowbridge Grammar School, played rugby union for his hometown club, Llanharan, as well as Wrexham, Maesteg, Newport and Barbarians, and won six caps for Wales in the 15-man code.

He joined Halifax in 1956, signing live on BBC TV's Sportsview, and in six seasons with the Yorkshire club, he played 166 matches, scoring 535 goals and four tries, equalling 1,082 points.

He then spent four seasons at Keighley, where he smashed goalscoring records, scoring three tries and kicking 348 goals, equalling 705 points in 127 appearances, and also became coach before retiring in 1965.

He is one of the few Welshmen to have scored more than 1000-points in their rugby league career and is a member of the Hall of Fame at both Halifax and Keighley.

Owen was talented in many sports other than rugby. He had been a international schoolboy cricketer, a record-breaking athlete with the javelin, a local golfing champion in Wales and for many years a crown-green bowler, being a member of Stafford Bowling Club, Halifax.

Garfield Owen in action.

Away from rugby, he was also a teacher but he later turned to selling cars.

On retirement he and his family chose to stay in Halifax rather than return to Wales.

Wales Rugby League chairman Brian Juliff, himself a former Halifax player, said: "Garfield was an outstanding Welsh rugby 'code-breaker' and he will be greatly missed by so many people. A legend in Halifax RLFC and of course Newport RFC. Sincere condolences have been passed on to the family of a wonderful man."

Fellow Wales international and good friend Jim Mills said: "Garfield was a lovely man and a true gentleman, he was very much respected. My deepest sympathy to his lovely wife Marlene, son Russell, daughter Sally and all the family."

IG

Thrilling game sees Cowbridge youth team deny St Peters

COWBRIDGE RFC youth finished off their Blues Premier League season with a brilliant away victory at the top of the table St Peters.

With 14 of the squad unavailable, Cowbridge had to play with uncontested scrums and a number of boys made their youth debut.

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